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MICHAEL MEEROPOL, et al.
 v. GRIFFIN B. BELL, et al.
 CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 75-1121

Reference Butel to all SACs dated 7/30/76
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By referenced communications, a list of the subjects in the investigation and trial of Ethel and Julius Rosenberg was furnished each field office. Also furnished each field office was a list of the names on the Government's Witness List relating to the investigation and trial of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg. The list of subjects and individuals appearing on the Government's Witness List will therefore not be repeated in this communication.

For your information captioned FOIA suit has been in litigation for approximately two years. During the course of this litigation, on 8/1/75, the Court issued an Order that no documents maintained by the FBI be destroyed. Due to the file destruction moratorium then in effect, that Court Order was not brought to your attention in 1975. Due to the continuing litigation and current discussion regarding reinstitution of a file destruction program in the near future, you are hereby being advised of the Order of the Court in this matter. Accordingly, no files maintained in your office (origin or auxiliary office) relating to any of the main subjects or individuals appearing on the Government's Witness List should be destroyed. These files must

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TO: CHIEF CLERK

Date

7-31-76

Subject

ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY

Social Security Account #

Aliases

Address

Birth Date

1-1-08

Birthplace

New Melford,
Connecticut

Race

Sex

☐ Male
☐ Female

- ☐ Exact Spelling
☒ All References
☐ Main Subversive Case Files Only
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TO: CHIEF CLERK

Date

7-31-76

Subject

Social Security Account #

O. JOHN ROGGE

Aliases

Address

Birth Date

Birthplace

Race

Sex

10-2-03

Cass County,

☐ Male
☐ Female

Illinois

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Date _____

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Social Security Account #

(A)

Address

Birth Date

Birthplace

Race	
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Sex

8-17-1896

Albany, NY

☐ Female☐ Female

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2	David Jones	25	Defender	178	70	0	0	0	0
3	Michael Brown	22	Defender	175	68	0	0	0	0
4	James Wilson	27	Defender	180	72	0	0	0	0
5	Robert Taylor	24	Defender	172	65	0	0	0	0
6	Christopher Lee	26	Midfielder	175	70	0	0	0	0
7	Daniel White	23	Midfielder	170	65	0	0	0	0
8	Matthew Black	21	Midfielder	168	62	0	0	0	0
9	Andrew Green	29	Midfielder	175	70	0	0	0	0
10	Thomas Evans	25	Forward	175	70	0	0	0	0
11	Richard King	22	Forward	170	65	0	0	0	0
12	Simon Scott	27	Forward	175	70	0	0	0	0
13	George Adams	24	Forward	172	65	0	0	0	0
14	Edward Baker	26	Forward	175	70	0	0	0	0
15	William Hall	23	Forward	170	65	0	0	0	0
16	Charles King	21	Forward	168	62	0	0	0	0
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TO: CHIEF CLERK

Date

7-31-76

Subject

DR. J. ROBERT OPPENHEIMER

Social Security Account #

Aliases

Address

Birth Date

4-22-04

Birthplace

New York

Race

Sex

☐ Male

☐ Female

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TO: CHIEF CLERK

Date

7-31-76

Subject

DR. HAROLD C. UREY

Social Security Account #

Aliases

Address 4900 Greenwood Avenue.,
Chicago, Illinois

Birth Date

Birthplace

Race

Sex

☐ Male

☐ Female

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : FILE (100-18606)

DATE: 1/13/76

FROM : SAC PHILIP T. BASHER

SUBJECT: RECORDS OF WASHINGTON STATE UN-AMERICAN
ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE (CANWELL COMMITTEE)
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On January 13, 1976, I received a telephone call from P-I reporter LARRY McCARTEN. He advised he had seen a copy of a letter we had directed to JOHN M. DARRAH, former AUSA, under date of July 23, 1975, wherein we advised Mr. DARRAH that the records of the Canwell Committee made available to the FBI have since been destroyed, in accordance with Federal regulations. McCARTEN requested information as to the date these records were destroyed. I advised him that I did not have that information readily available, but that I would make a check and recontact him.

Subsequently the same date I telephonically discussed McCARTEN's request with JIM FARRINGTON, No. 1 Man, Legal Counsel Division. He advised there was no objection to furnishing the date of destruction, pointing out this information could easily be obtained under a FOIA request. He suggested I check with JIM AWE to obtain any necessary information concerning rules and regulations regarding destruction of records.

Accordingly, I talked to AWE, Chief, Records Management Unit. He advised that under Title 44, U. S. Code, Chapter 33, the Field can destroy records under what is called the Ten Year Destruction Rule, depending upon the nature and content of information received, whether or not it was ever incorporated into a case file, as well as other conditions could also be a determining factor as to when material obtained could be destroyed.

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ADDENDUM

LARRY McCARTEN, P-I reporter, was telephonically contacted at 2:30 p.m. January 13, 1976, by SA M. RAY MATHIS



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and advised that the aforementioned records were destroyed December 17, 1971. McCARTEN wanted to know why it took 16 years to destroy the records, if they were of no value to the FBI. SA MATHIS advised him that they were destroyed during December of 1971 because it was administratively convenient for the FBI to do so at that time.

915 Second Avenue
Seattle, Washington 98174

September 8, 1975

Governor Daniel J. Evans
Office of the Governor
State of Washington
Olympia, Washington

My Dear Governor:

In reply to your letter of September 2nd, I am enclosing a copy of "House Concurrent Resolution No. 5" State of Washington, Thirty-Fourth Regular Session. You will note the Resolution directed that records, documents and property, with certain exceptions, of the joint fact-finding committee on un-American activities be disposed of by transferring them to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Pursuant to this Resolution, representatives of the Federal Bureau of Investigation met with the then Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives and other State and Legislative officials on February 10, 1955 and accepted control of the records made available.

These records have been destroyed in accordance with Federal regulations pertaining to the destruction of records collected and maintained by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Sincerely yours,

PHILIP T. BASHER
Special Agent in Charge

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STATE OF WASHINGTON

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DANIEL J. EVANS
GOVERNOR

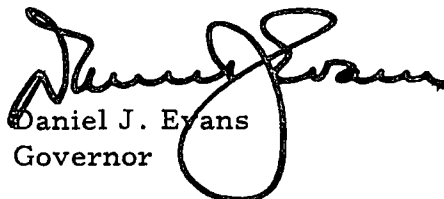
September 2, 1975

Mr. Philip T. Basher
Special Agent in Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
915 Second Avenue
Seattle, Washington 98104

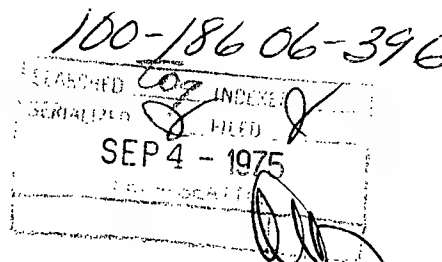
Dear Mr. Basher:

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sum. 100-186
I have been informed that the FBI has been in possession of various records of the Canwell Committee since the late 1940's. I would like to request that these legislative records be transferred from your office in Seattle to the State Archives. Please feel free to contact my office if you have any questions regarding my request. Thank you very much for your attention.

Sincerely,


Daniel J. Evans
Governor

DJE: ks



915 Second Avenue
Seattle, Washington 98174

July 23, 1975

Mr. John M. Darrah
Attorney-at-law
2418 Smith Tower
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear Mr. Darrah;

In reply to your letter of July 16th, I am enclosing a copy of "House Concurrent Resolution No. 5" State of Washington, Thirty-Fourth Regular Session. You will note the Resolution directed that records, documents and property, with certain exceptions, of the joint fact-finding committee on un-American activities be disposed of by transferring them to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Pursuant to this Resolution, representatives of the Federal Bureau of Investigation met with the then Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives and other State and Legislative officials on February 10, 1955 and accepted control of the records made available.

These records have been destroyed in accordance with Federal regulations pertaining to the destruction of records collected and maintained by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Sincerely yours,

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PHILIP T. BASHER
Special Agent in Charge

1-Addressee

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NOTE: This is to record that on 7/22/75, I contacted AD JOHN A. MINTZ, Office of Legal Counsel and read portions of DARRAH's letter to him. I also explained the nature of our receipt of this material from the Committee and read to him the last paragraph of the Resolution wherein it was directed that these records be turned over to the control of the Bureau. Mr. MINTZ stated that he had no objection to our responding to DARRAH's letter pointing out that we had accepted control of the records in accordance with the Resolution and that they had been destroyed in accordance with our destruction procedures. He said however, he desired that I "touch base" with AD JOHN J. MC DERMOTT, Files and Communications Division in order to make certain we were on safe grounds in destroying the records.

I then contacted Mr. MC DERMOTT and explained this entire matter to him. He stated that he had no objection to our answering the letter pointing out that the records have now been destroyed but he would like me to check with Mr. THOMAS A. KEANE in order to make absolutely certain we were correct in destroying these records.

On 7-23-75, I outlined this problem to Mr. KEANE and he had no objection to the Bureau informing DARRAH that the records had been destroyed in accordance with our procedures relative to destruction of our records.

JOHN M. DARRAH
ATTORNEY
2418 SMITH TOWER
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON 98104
(206) 622-1791

July 16, 1975

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Mr. Philip T. Basher
Special Agent in Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
915 Second Avenue
Seattle, Washington 98104

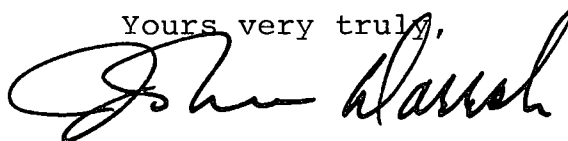
Dear Mr. Basher:

This is a formal request that you turn over to the state archivist certain legislative records of the Canwell Committee which have been stored in the property room of the FBI in Seattle. These records apparently were turned over to the Bureau in the late '40s apparently in order to avoid their falling into the hands of the then Attorney General Smith Troy.

I ran across these records in the basement property room of the Federal Reserve Building in the winter and spring of 1968 when I was an assistant United States Attorney. At that time I was working with S. A. Pat Coyne and others on a bank robbery/conspiracy case involving the local chapter of the Minutemen. Large quantities of weapons and other materials had been seized and it necessitated my being in and out of the property room a good deal.

Now that twenty-five years have passed since these records came into the FBI's hands, it would seem that there is no longer any need for federal custody of the same. On the contrary, pursuant to RCW 40.14.100 et seq. it would seem appropriate and required that these records be turned over to the state archivist since they are legislative records and therefore property of the State of Washington.

Yours very truly,

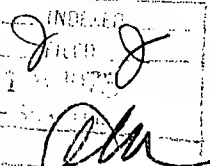


John M. Darrah

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Canwell Says He'll Talk About Records

By United Press

OLYMPIA, July 29—Al Canwell said today he's willing to talk to legislative officials about records he collected as chairman of the onetime State Un-American Activities Committee.

"But, I'll stand for no such monkey-business as went on in the House of Representatives during the recent session," Canwell said, referring to a hearing by House Speaker John O'Brien, Democrat, Seattle, and Representative Mort Frayn, Republican, Seattle.

Canwell was asked if that meant he would tell the legislature about missing micro-filmed records of Communist activities. He replied:

"What missing records? I think that was the impression the House committee which called me to testify wanted to leave on the public. I said micro-film was used in compiling some of the records."

Canwell's remarks, made by phone from his Spokane farm, followed a report from Attorney-General Eastvold to O'Brien.

O'Brien had asked Eastvold to try again to learn, for the Legislature, the whereabouts of the records. Eastvold met with Canwell in Spokane earlier in the week.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - U. S. GOVERNMENT

To: SAC, SEATTLE (100-18270)

3/7/55

From: SA ROBERT H. WICK

Subject: CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS
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*Canwell
Hearings*

Informant
Affair

CRC Board meeting, Second and Pike
Building, Seattle.

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there were only 8 persons present. It was announced that JOHN
DASCHBACH was in the East at that time.

BECAUSE OF THE SMALL NUMBER OF PERSONS PRESENT, EXTREME CARE SHOULD
BE USED IN THE DISSEMINATION OF THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION.

AL CANWELL was first discussed. It was decided that those who were
present should write to the Speaker of the House to demand that CANWELL
be prosecuted to the full extent of the law; that he be made to return the
microfilm; and that an accounting be demanded for the \$160,000.00 of the
taxpayers' money which he had spent on his Un-American hearings.

NELL HILLEARY announced a change in the date of her dinner. It
will be held on February 26 instead of February 27, 1955.

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BERNARD FREYD observed that as new territory is annexed by the city, the Civil Rights Congress should be alert to obtain new members in the new district. He said that there was a poor response to the Informer Petitions presented at the University of Washington.

LLOYD WOLVERTON inquired if we should confine our letters to those Senators to whom it had been recommended we write. FREYD said it would be a good idea to write to other Senators also. This was in regard to the MATUSOW incident. FREYD proposed a research project on the MATUSOW case. HARRIET PIERCE agreed. All present were asked to use their influence to discontinue the use of "paid perjurers." It was suggested that those present each select 6 to 10 names at random from the telephone directory and that these people would be called and asked to write to Senators MAGNUSON and JACKSON, asking them to lend their support in outlawing such testimony. It was suggested that in contacting the Council of Churches or individual ministers, the Ninth Commandment from the Bible should be quoted, "Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor."

HARRIET PIERCE, FRANK WHITE, and possibly LLOYD WOLVERTON, had visited the King County jail. According to them, they had been royally treated by Sheriff TIM McCULLOCH who had been most hospitable. They were shown through the jail and even had been locked in solitary confinement. HARRIET PIERCE told the Sheriff that they were from the Civil Rights Congress but this did not seem to make any difference. He told them that if they heard of any cases of police brutality he wants them to advise him immediately.

LLOYD WOLVERTON suggested that time for a talk be obtained on the new TV Education Station on Channel 9 at the Edison Technical School. He said that they seem quite liberal there. He suggested a talk on some special occasion such as Negro History Week or Bill of Rights Day.

Those present were told to write to the chairman of the House Labor Committee asking that SB 408 and HB 551 be sent to the House Committee with approval. Also to write the chairman of the House State Government Committee urging that HJR 25 be killed. Write CHARLES R. SAVAGE, "a good chairman", of the House Constitution Committee, asking that HB 573 be stopped. And write their respective Senators to favor SB 161.

It was announced that on Friday or later, a group from the CRC would probably go to Olympia to meet their State Legislators personally.

Informant noted the following persons present:

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HARRIET PIERCE
NEIL HILLEARY
BERNARD FREYD
Prof. JOE BUTTERWORTH
FRANK WHITE
LLOYD WOLVERTON
Mrs. W. WHITE
SHORTY BROOKS

POLITICAL ARENA *Canwell Committee*

By TERRY PETTUS

OLYMPIA

With their eyes on the 1956 election the leadership of the Republican and Democratic parties are busy tossing the Canwell issue back and forth between the Capitol building and the temple of justice.

Everyone knows, Canwell included, that he is guilty of contempt of the legislature for refusing to testify regarding the famous "secret papers" hoax which had the state guarding three empty safes in a locked room since 1949.

The latest exposure for witch-hunt fakery has had its good point. Canwell's performance

before the two-man house investigating committee guaranteed the defeat of HJR 25 to re-create an "un-American activities" committee. Introduced by Rep. Arnold Wang, Republican of Bremerton, it has died in committee. This is the fourth successive session that such proposals have gotten nowhere.

Front men for their respective parties in the game of buck-passing the red-hot Canwell contempt issue are Democrat House Speaker John O'Brien and Republican Atty. Gen. Don Eastvold. It just happens that Eastvold is Gov. Arthur B. Langlie's crown prince for the gubernatorial nomination in 1956. Eastvold does not find

the perspective of an Eisenhower - Langlie - Eastvold slate displeasing.

Republican Rep. Mort Frayn, former speaker, was named with O'Brien to investigate the Canwell records hoax. Canwell flatly refused to say what he had done with the records which were presumed to be in the three safes.

O'Brien says Canwell is in contempt and asked Eastvold to take legal action. Frayn merely says what everyone agrees on, that Canwell refused to say what he had done with the "records." Frayn carefully avoids the nasty word "contempt."

Eastvold says he hasn't any authority and suggests that the

Canwell issue a hot potato

legislature has the power to spank Canwell good and proper. Some attorneys thing Eastvold has some grounds for ducking but deny that the legislature could actually jail Canwell. But it could vote him in contempt. No such proposal has ever been suggested.

In an effort to keep the issue in the air O'Brien has again written to Eastvold virtually pleading with him officially to tell the legislature that Canwell is in contempt and/or to get the Thurston county prosecutor to hail him into court. Eastvold remains unmoved.

Thurston County Prosecutor Hewitt A. Henry told this newspaper that no information has been filed by or asked for from

his office and he isn't able to "talk about" the case. Henry is a Republican.

The facts are that Eastvold has the authority to have Canwell hailed into court for contempt and possibly on a charge of wilfully destroying state records. Also Speaker O'Brien could sign a contempt complaint with Thurston county officials.

Canwell is playing the game of political blackmail to the hilt. So far neither party has the courage to call his bluff.

Canwell's ace in the hole is the smear threat he uttered at the hearings before O'Brien and Frayn. Looking about him he cockily said: "Some of you legislators should be glad I destroyed the records."

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Mr. Homer Hale
North 8922 Division Street
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Dear Mr. Hale:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated February 21, 1955, addressed to Special Agent William Price of our Spokane resident agency.

Your interest in providing this information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation is sincerely appreciated.

Very truly yours,

R. D. AUERBACH
Special Agent in Charge

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Canwell defiant in probe of records

OLYMPIA, Feb. 24—A cockily defiant Albert Canwell flatly refused to tell a special House investigating committee this week what happened to the records of his defunct committee, supposedly kept in a carefully-locked room in the Capitol building for the past six years.

Canwell was hailed before the committee consisting of Speaker John O'Brien, Democrat, and Rep. Mort Frayn, GOP leader and former speaker. The special committee was created by a unanimous vote to find out what happened to the state records, which the legislature voted to turn over to the FBI.

Canwell has hinted that the records were microfilmed. However he refused to answer when asked directly by O'Brien if the films have been turned over to the FBI. O'Brien angrily asked if he wanted to be in contempt of the legislature.

"I am not in contempt," Canwell replied.

Canwell did admit that some records were destroyed. He said he did this on his own authority to protect "informants." Other records he said were "loaned" to him by certain "governmental agencies" and have been returned.

Canwell claimed he had authority from other members of the committee to do as he liked with the records. O'Brien and Frayn drew the admission that he regarded himself as "judge and jury" as to what disposition to make of the records.

Two former members of the

committee, also summoned, disputed Canwell's claim to unlimited authority. Robert Rutter of Ellensburg and Grant Sisson, Mount Vernon, testified that to their knowledge Canwell was never granted such powers.

In a sharp exchange with O'Brien, Canwell denied that the records belonged to the state.

"Do you claim that the legislature established this committee and appropriated \$140,000 just to set you up in business so you could carry on this in-

vestigation for your own personal benefit?" O'Brien shouted.

Canwell replied that it was for the benefit of the state but added that he did not turn the records over to the legislature because it wasn't "interested" in the committee and didn't even publish his report.

O'Brien said Canwell had "flaunted" the legislature and that it should be reported to the attorney general. Frayn said he wanted to take a "longer look at the problem."

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Mr. William Price
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Federal Building
Spokane, Wn.

Dear Mr. Price;

Through Conversation with a friend, Mr. Frank Bradley, who worked for United Truck Lines, here in Spokane during 1948, I learned that a shipment of material from Olympia was either stored or distributed here in Spokane in the fall of 1948.

Mr. Bradley said he knew it contained reports from the Canwell Committee because he had one of the books containing the reports which fell from a broken carton. He said it was left there so he picked it up and took it home. He gave me the book last summer when I told him I was interested in the Canwell report for grange purposes.

After having read the news item about the missing Canwell files, I thought this information may be of value to you or someone else you might advise.

Sincerely,

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RECORDS OF WASHINGTON STATE UNAMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE (CANWELL COMMITTEE), IS - C. REMYAIRTEL 2/23/55. SUBSEQUENT TO APPEARANCE OF ALBERT F. CANWELL BEFORE LEGISLATIVE INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE ON 2/21/55 THE MATTER OF WHETHER ANY FURTHER ACTION WOULD BE TAKEN WAS REFERRED BY THE LEGISLATIVE INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE TO THE OFFICE OF THE WASHINGTON STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL. AS BUREAU PREVIOUSLY ADVISED, THIS COMMITTEE WAS COMPOSED OF TWO STATE REPRESENTATIVES, JOHN O'BRIEN, A DEMOCRAT, AND MORT FRAYNE, A REPUBLICAN. NEWSPAPER ARTICLES REFLECT THAT RECOMMENDATION OF JOHN O'BRIEN TO THE STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE WAS THAT CANWELL BE CITED FOR CONTEMPT BECAUSE OF HIS REFUSAL TO DISCLOSE THE WHEREABOUTS OF MICROFILMS OF RECORDS OF THE COMMITTEE CANWELL FORMERLY HEADED. MORT FRAYNE'S RECOMMENDATION TO STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL WAS ONLY THAT IT BE DETERMINED WHETHER ANY FURTHER ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN. NEWSPAPER ARTICLE APPEARING IN SEATTLE POST-INTELLIGENCER FOR 3/4/55 STATES THAT ATTORNEY GENERAL DON EASTVOLD HAD DECIDED THAT ANY CONTEMPT PROCEEDINGS WERE OUT OF THE JURISDICTION OF HIS OFFICE BUT COULD BE HANDLED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ITSELF UNDER PROVISIONS OF STATE LAW. THE NEWSPAPER ARTICLE QUOTED JOHN O'BRIEN, WHO HAD RECOMMENDED TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL THAT CANWELL BE CHARGED WITH CONTEMPT, AS SAYING "THIS IS A SIMPLE CASE OF

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ONE REPUBLICAN (REFERRING TO DON EASTVOLD) TRYING TO HELP ANOTHER ONE (CANWELL) WHO HAS GOTTEN INTO TROUBLE. MR. EASTVOLD'S LETTER OF REFUSAL TO ACT LEADS ME TO BELIEVE THAT HE IS ACTING MORE AS MR. CANWELL'S ATTORNEY THAN AS THE STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL." THE NEWSPAPER ARTICLE STATES THAT ATTORNEY GENERAL EASTVOLD TOOK A CRITICAL ATTITUDE IN REGARD TO COMPOSITION OF THE TWO-MAN HOUSE COMMITTEE WHICH HAD CONDUCTED THE INTERROGATION OF CANWELL. EASTVOLD IS QUOTED AS HAVING WRITTEN TO O'BRIEN - "THERE IS VERY SERIOUS DOUBT AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THE HOUSE HAS ANY JURISDICTION TO ACT INDEPENDENTLY IN AN INVESTIGATION OF A COMMITTEE THAT WAS ORIGINALLY ESTABLISHED BY A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE AND SENATE AND WHICH WAS COMPOSED OF BOTH BODIES." EASTVOLD IS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT SHOULD THE HOUSE DECIDE CANWELL WAS IN CONTEMPT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE, STATE LAW PERMITS IMPOSITION OF A FINE UP TO ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND A JAIL TERM NOT TO RUN LONGER THAN ADJOURNEMENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION. ANY FURTHER INFORMATION OF INTEREST REGARDING THIS MATTER WILL BE FURNISHED TO THE BUREAU WHEN RECEIVED.

AUERBACH

Communist outlaw bill cover for Canwell hoax

By TERRY PETTUS

OLYMPIA, Feb. 17—A McCarthyite offensive calling for the outlawing of the Communist party hit the legislative hopper this week as both houses floundered in a welter of unsolved problems and the state was rocked by the "Canwell secret records" hoax.

The proposal to outlaw the Communist party (HB 573) was introduced by Rep. John L. Cooney, Democrat of Spokane, and Rep. Claude H. Lorimer, Republican of Olympia, as the house took action to compel Albert Canwell to come to Olympia and explain why he has had the state guarding three empty safes for more than six years.

The measure would make membership in the Communist party punishable by imprisonment up to 10 years and a fine of up to \$10,000. Both sponsors of the bill were elected with AFL endorsement.

WHY IT HAPPENED

Introduction of MB 573 was timed to (1) create a diversion from the fact that the legislature has not come to grips with a single basic problem; (2) get Canwell off the hook for his fakery, and (3) pave the way for the recreation of a witchhunt committee which has been rejected in the past three regular sessions.

Canwell and his Republican party supporters, who include Gov. Arthur B. Langlie, are on the spot. For six years it has been pretended that the Can-

well records contain material "vital to the security of the state." This material, presumably in three safes, has been stored in a locked room in the Capitol building.

In February, 1949, heavily armed state patrolmen conveyed the safes to Olympia. They were placed in the locked room. The key was put in a safe deposit box. Keys to the box were turned over to the lieutenant governor and the speaker of the house. It was stipulated that both must be present when the key was removed and the room unlocked.

'SECRET RECORDS'

Last week the legislature voted to turn these "secret records" over to the FBI. When Speaker O'Brien, Lieut. Gov. Anderson and two FBI agents entered the room they found empty filing cases and the three safes. Canwell was able to supply the combination for one. The other two

were drilled open by a locksmith. The safes were found to contain (1) an index file of some names (2) a copy of the committee report printed years ago (3) a book by a bitterly anti-Soviet college teacher, and (4) some photographs of "known Communists."

Speaker O'Brien publicly lamented that this was all the state got in return for the \$160,000 Canwell spent. He initiated the action to have himself and Senate Chairman Victor Zednick named as a two-man committee to investigate Canwell.

Canwell, of course, never had any information vital to the security of the state. But his safe at one time did contain information that the public should have had. This reporter was able to make public some of it six and a half year ago.

At that time we showed by

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photostatic copies of secret receipts that Canwell was claiming to be spending thousands of dollars for "secret investigative" work when in fact this money was being paid to stool pigeons and informers who publicly testified as "witnesses" before his committee.

These included Mr. and Mrs. Howard Costigan, who got \$2,550; Manning Johnson, \$300; George Hewitt, \$300 and sums to such local professionals as Ward Warren and Jess Fletcher.

At one time the safes also contained the register of the resort where Prof. Melvin Rader was staying at the time Hewitt swore that he was teaching at a "Communist school" in New York. Canwell had documentary evidence that Hewitt was lying when he put him on the witness stand. Hewitt was charged with perjury but Canwell got him out of the state before the warrant could be served. Later a New York judge refused extradition on the grounds that the King county superior court was "dominated by Communists."

In 1949, Canwell told newspaper reporters he destroyed some of his records to keep them from falling "into the hands of Democrats." A year later he said that it would jeopardize the security of the state if the "secret" records were made public.

Bury HB 573!

— an editorial

The introduction of HB 573 to outlaw the Communist party is another example of the shameless and cynical use of McCarthyism. The people of Washington state expect their legislature to meet some of their most pressing needs. Instead it is proposed to give them a double-serving of red herring.

At a time when the confessions of Matusow and other confessed perjurers are revealing the slimy use to which federal courts are being put, the legislature has before it a proposal which strikes at the very heart of the democratic election processes.

There is growing concern in the labor movement over the use of McCarthyism to divert attention from, to undermine and to sabotage progressive legislation. The AFL, in particular, should be concerned over the fact that the sponsors of HB 573 (Representatives Cooney and Lorimer) had its endorsement.

Neither these gentlemen nor many other labor-endorsed legislators are showing any alertness to bring about the defeat of SB 120 to wreck unemployment compensation. Neither are they putting their full weight behind labor's legislative program.

The people need and expect many things from this session. But HB 573 or the recreation of a witchhunt committee or a whitewash of Canwell for his "secret records" hoax, are not among them.

We urge our readers to demand that HB 573 die in committee. Send such protests to your own legislators, to Rep. John Dore, chairman of the house judiciary committee, Speaker John O'Brien and Rep. Charles Savage, chairman of the Democratic steering committee.

Solons Set For Canwell Probe, Budget Battle

(Compiled from Associated Press
and United Press dispatches)

OLYMPIA, Feb. 21.—The battle of the budget and a legislative investigation of the "missing" Canwell Committee papers shared the spotlight today as the Washington Legislature convened for the seventh week of the 34th session.

A two-member House committee subpoenaed former State Representative Albert F. Canwell, Spokane Republican, and chairman of the former State Un-American Activities Committee, and other former committee members, to appear at a public hearing tonight.

Probe by Committee OK'd

The committee, composed of Speaker John O'Brien, Seattle Democrat, and ex-Speaker Mort Frayn, Seattle Republican, was authorized by the House last week to seek the whereabouts of certain records compiled by the Canwell committee during lengthy hearings in 1947 and 1948.

A legislative committee reported the papers missing when it opened a storage room earlier in the session.

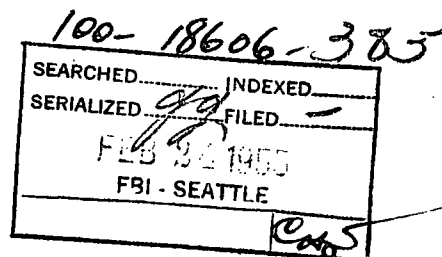
The battle of the budget also centered in the House, which is drafting the bill to provide funds to operate the state government in the 1955-57 biennium. A proposed budget will be presented this week, Speaker O'Brien said today.

Budget Last This Week

Chairman Ole Olson of the Appropriations Committee, said "we hope to have it out of committee Friday or Saturday," but he declined to say how large the budget would be.

Chairman Wilbur Hallauer of the Taxation and Revenue Committee, said he thought Olson's committee would turn out a budget that would be about \$65,000,000 out of balance. That is about \$24,000,000 more out-of-line than the budget proposed by Governor Langlie.

Meanwhile, Representative Robert Timm, G. O. P. caucus chairman, said the Republicans will set a ceiling of \$45,000,000 in new taxes and will resist any effort to go above that figure.



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RECORDS OF WASHINGTON STATE UNAMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE (CANWELL COMMITTEE), IS * C. RE SEATTLE TEL 2/21/55. ACCORDING TO ARTICLE IN SEATTLE POST-INTELLIGENCER DATED 2/22/55 ALBERT F. CANWELL IN PROCEEDINGS ON 2/21/55 BEFORE THE INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE SET UP BY THE WASHINGTON STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO DETERMINE WHETHER SOME OF THE RECORDS OF THE FORMER CANWELL COMMITTEE WERE MISAPPROPRIATED, TESTIFIED THAT SOME RECORDS OF THE COMMITTEE HEADED BY HIM DURING ITS EXISTENCE HAD BEEN DESTROYED TO PROTECT "INSIDE SOURCES" WHICH INVESTIGATORS HAD WITHIN THE COMMUNIST PARTY. CANWELL IS QUOTED AS HAVING SAID THAT HE HAD AUTHORITY FROM OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE TO DISPOSE OF THE RECORDS THAT HAD SERVED THEIR PURPOSE AND THAT HE, CANWELL, WAS THE JUDGE OF WHAT RECORDS WERE TO BE DESTROYED. THE NEWSPAPER ARTICLE STATES, HOWEVER, THAT TWO OTHER FORMER MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE TESTIFIED THAT TO THEIR KNOWLEDGE THE COMMITTEE HAD NEVER GIVEN ITS CHAIRMAN AUTHORITY TO DESTROY ITS RECORDS. WHEN CANWELL WAS ASKED UNDER WHOSE AUTHORITY HE HAD DISPOSED OF THE RECORDS HE REPLIED THAT THE RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING HIS COMMITTEE IN 1947 HAD AUTHORIZED IT TO SET UP ITS OWN RULES OF PROCEDURE AND THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS HAD AUTHORIZED CANWELL TO TAKE COMPLETE CHARGE OF THE RECORDS.

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WHEN ASKED WHY HE DID NOT TURN OVER THE RECORDS TO THE NEXT SESSION OF THE LEGISLATURE, CANWELL REPLIED THAT THE NEXT LEGISLATURE "WAS NOT INTERESTED IN THE COMMITTEE." HE SAID THAT THE FOLLOWING LEGISLATURE HAD IGNORED THE COMMITTEE'S REPORT AND HAD NEVER EVEN PRINTED IT. ACCORDING TO THE NEWSPAPER ARTICLE, CANWELL WAS QUESTIONED REGARDING THE WHEREABOUTS OF MICROFILMS OF THE COMMITTEE'S RECORDS AND HE REFUSED TO DISCLOSE THE WHEREABOUTS OF SAME. HE WAS ALSO ASKED WHETHER MICROFILMS HAVE BEEN TURNED OVER TO THE FBI AND HE DECLINED TO ANSWER THAT DIRECT QUESTION. THE ABOVE IS FOR THE BUREAU'S INFORMATION. ANY FURTHER INFORMATION OF INTEREST RECEIVED REGARDING THIS MATTER WILL BE FURNISHED.

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Canwell Mum On Location Of Microfilms

'No Contempt,'
House Quiz Told

OLYMPIA, Feb. 21.—(A.P.)—The former chairman of the 1947-49 state Un-American Activities Committee refused Monday night to disclose the whereabouts of microfilms of the committee's records.

Albert F. Canwell of Spokane, appearing before a House investigating committee, refused to answer a direct question as to whether the films had been turned over to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

PROTECT SOURCES

House Speaker John L. O'Brien asked Canwell if he wished to be in contempt of the House committee seeking the whereabouts of the committee's records.

"I am not in contempt," Canwell replied.

Canwell said some records were destroyed to protect "inside sources" which the committee's investigators had within the Communist Party.

"If they had fallen into the wrong hands," he said, "it might have cost somebody his life."

LOANED TO AGENCIES

Other records, he continued, had been loaned to him by certain "agencies, some of them governmental agencies, with the understanding their source would remain confidential."

"These," Canwell said, "were taken care of in the manner I had said I would take care of them."

At one point he said he had authority from other members of the committee to dispose of the records that had served their purpose.

Under questioning of O'Brien and former House Speaker R. Mort Frayn, he testified that he was the "judge and jury" of which records were to be destroyed.

Two other former members

Sisson of Mount Vernon, testified that to their knowledge the committee had never given its chairman authority to destroy its records.

BROAD AUTHORITY

Sisson did add, however, that "certain broad authority" had been given Canwell.

Rutter and Sisson both testified it was their understanding that the committee records were the property of the State of Washington.

O'Brien said after the hearing that he thought Canwell had "flaunted" the legislature and added that it is his personal opinion that a report should be made to the Attorney General.

R. Mort Frayn, Seattle Republican, the other member of the two-man House committee investigating the missing records, said he wants to "take a longer look" at the problem.

Asked under whose authority he had disposed of the records, Canwell replied that the resolution establishing his committee had authorized it to set up its own rules of procedure, and the committee members had authorized Canwell to take complete charge of the records.

QUESTIONED

"But were they not the property of the legislature?" Smith asked.

"No," Canwell replied.

"They were compiled for my purpose, for my use. They were compiled for my convenience so the committee could make a report to the next legislature."

"Do you claim, Al, that the legislature established this committee and appropriated \$140,000 just to set you up in business so you could carry on this investigation for your own personal benefit?" O'Brien roared.

"No," Canwell replied. "It was for the benefit of the State of Washington."

"Then why didn't you turn the records over to the next legislature," O'Brien asked.

NOT INTERESTED

Canwell replied that the next legislature "was not interested in the committee." He said it ignored the committee report and never even printed it.

The hearing packed the House chamber and galleries. The building was patrolled by uniformed state patrolmen.

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WASHINGTON STATE COMMITTEE ON UNAMERICAN ACTIVITIES - CANWELL COMMITTEE, IS-C. BUREAU IS ADVISED THAT AL CANWELL, FORMER CHAIRMAN OF THIS COMMITTEE, CALLED AT OFFICE TODAY TO ADVISE HE WAS ANSWERING SUBPOENA OF COMMITTEE AT STATE CAPITOL, OLYMPIA, TONIGHT IN RESPONSE TO INQUIRY ALLEGING WHEREABOUTS OF FULL FILES OF COMMITTEE. SUBPOENA ISSUED BY HOUSE PORTION OF LEGISLATURE, WHICH IS DEMOCRATIC, UNDER CONTROL OF TWO-MAN COMMITTEE I CONSISTING OF DEMOCRAT JOHN O BRIEN AND REPUBLICAN MORT FRAYNE. NET RESULT OF TWO-MAN COMMITTEE IS NOT POSSIBLE TO HAVE CITATION FOR COMTEMPT ACCORDING TO CANWELL, NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS. CANWELL WILL ADVISE COMMITTEE IN PUBLIC HEARING TONIGHT THAT RESOLUTION SETTING UP ORIGINAL FULL COMMITTEE WAS MERELY TEMPORARY IN NATURE TO REPORT TO NEXT LEGISLATURE, I.E. NINETEEN FORTYNINE, AND FURTHER THAT RESOLUTION HAD CLAUSE WHICH HE PUT IN AUTHORIZING HIM TO SET UP COMPLETE RULES FOR HANDLING COMMITTEE, WHICH INCLUDES DISPOSAL OF RECORDS. CANWELL WILL ALSO STATE THAT SOME CONFIDENTIAL RECORDS WERE GIVEN HIM ON THE BASIS THAT THE DATA WAS NOT TO GO INTO FILES AND BECOME PROPERTY OF LEGISLATURE. HE WILL STATE,
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ALSO, THAT HE HAD SOME SUB ROSA RUMORS TO EFFECT THAT COMMUNIST PARTY HAD METHOD OF ACCESS TO SUCH FILES AND ACCORDINGLY CONSIDERABLE DATA NEVER BECAME PERMANENT RECORD. TO BACK UP LAST STATEMENT, FACTS REFLECT THAT IN SUCCEEDING SESSION LEGISLATURE DID NOT RECREATE COMMITTEE AS CANWELL HOPED, AND THE THEN DEMOCRATIC SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE, CHARLES HARDY, OBTAINED AUTHORITY TO COME IN UNKNOWN TO CANWELL AND GRAB FILES, WHICH THEN WERE TAKEN TO OLYMPIA FOR OFFICIAL CUSTODY.

CANWELL STATES HAS NO KNOWLEDGE AS TO WHAT TOOK PLACE AFTER FILES WERE TAKEN. BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED OF RESULTS OF SUBPOENA HEARING.

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Missing Canwell Records Filmed, Source Reports

Developments came fast Friday in the case of the missing Canwell committee records, which failed to turn up when filing cabinets and safes supposedly containing them were opened Thursday in Olympia.

1—The Post-Intelligencer was told by a private source that microfilm records were made of all the committee records.

This source said several copies were made and presumably one copy was turned over to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The FBI's Seattle office refused to comment on this.

2—A state patrolman who guarded the records at the time they were locked up said they may have disappeared after they presumably were locked in a room in the Legislative Bldg. in Olympia.

The officer is Sgt. P. J. Strobl, now the Patrol supply officer and firearms instructor. He said he saw the cabinets containing the records sealed and that the cabinets were obviously heavily loaded as he watched laborers strain to carry them from the Field Artillery Armory in Seattle to a truck which hauled them to Olympia.

3—Lt. Gov. Emmett T. Anderson said that as far as he is concerned the intent of the legislature has been fulfilled.

A joint resolution directed that the room containing the records be opened and its contents turned over to the FBI.

4—Speaker of the House John L. O'Brien, Seattle Democrat, meanwhile called for an official investigation and said the House will subpoena Albert F. Canwell, chairman of the Legislative Un-American Activities Committee of 1947-49 that has come to bear his name.

O'Brien pointed out the Un-American Activities Committee spent \$160,000 and its records were property of the Legislature. He said he planned to create a legislative committee with powers of subpoena to obtain an accounting of the records, to ascertain whether some still circulate, whether some have been destroyed and whether they were microfilmed.

'CONSIDERABLE'

In Spokane Friday night, Canwell told The Associated Press he would welcome a subpoena and has "considerable to say."

But he said he wouldn't talk until "the proper time and on the proper forum."

Canwell, who went to Coeur d'Alene Friday night to give a Republican Lincoln Day address, grinned at published speculation that the missing records might be in the files of Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy.

"I don't know where they got that idea," he said.

Canwell is a friend and admirer of Senator McCarthy.

FBI ON HAND

FBI agents were on hand Thursday at the request of the State Legislature when a room supposedly containing the committee's records was opened. Committee's records was opened, presumably for the first time since 1949.

Instead of the vast quantity of papers expected, the men found only a few dusty old papers and photographs of questionable value.

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House to Subpoena Canwell Over Files

By ED GUTHMAN
Times Staff Correspondent

OLYMPIA, Feb. 11.—The House will subpoena Albert F. Canwell, chairman of the 1947-49 Legislature's Un-American Activities Committee, to account for the committee's missing files, Speaker John L. O'Brien said today.

The Senate has been asked to join in issuing the subpoena, but the House is prepared to investigate on its own if the Senate declines, O'Brien said.

Canwell said in Spokane: "I don't intend to comment unless the Legislature calls me. I will be available."

1950 Remark Unexplained

Canwell declined to say whether records found in three safes in the House were all that he had put in them, whether there are other records and where they might be. He would not explain a remark he made in 1950 that opening the committee's records would be a "major calamity."

"I am glad they manifest some interest in the committee's records," said Canwell, "even if it's only cleaning out an old broom closet."

Ending three days of specula-

tion, O'Brien, Lieut. Gov. Emmett T. Anderson and four Federal Bureau of Investigation agents yesterday opened the safes in a room in which the committee's files were supposed to have been locked six years ago.

2 Safes Forced Open

One safe contained a file of letters, a few brief investigative reports and Communist literature. Of two safes which were drilled open, one was empty and the other contained only a transcript of testimony taken at the committee's public hearings.

O'Brien, a Democrat, and Anderson, a Republican, unlocked

the room Tuesday at the Legislature's instruction to turn the files over to the F. B. I. They found filing cabinets which held only a few unimportant books and papers.

The safes were locked and the combinations were missing. Canwell, a Spokane Republican, was able to provide the combination of one safe.

"The Canwell Committee's investigation cost the state \$158,000," O'Brien said. "The Legislature should have some records of the committee's work to give to the F. B. I."

"It is apparent the Legislature has been misled for six years into believing the room contained material valuable to the nation's security."

"What has happened is not right and we intend to get to the bottom of it."

Anderson said he would consult with Senate Republican leaders before deciding whether the Senate would join in the investigation.

The files and safes were moved in 1949 from the committee's Seattle office directly into the room in the House under armed guard of the State Patrol.

Precautions Taken

Elaborate precautions were taken to insure that the "files" were not tampered.

The key to the room was placed in a safe-deposit box in downtown Olympia. Keys to the box were given to the Speaker and the president of the Senate, with instructions that the box was not to be opened unless both were present.

The Legislature did not reconstitute the committee and the room remained locked until Tuesday.

The missing files aroused comment on both sides of the House aisle.

"I certainly want to know where they went and where they are now," said Representative Newman H. Clark, Seattle, Republican floor leader.

Amid the hubbub, the F. B. I. agents silently placed what material was found in cartons and returned to Seattle.

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On February 10, 1955, SAS H. EDWARD McNULTY and the writer received from Mr. S. R. HOLCOMB, Chief Clerk, House of Representatives, Olympia, Washington, numerous records, documents, books, leaflets, pamphlets, and other miscellaneous material all of which came from the files of the former Washington State Un-American Activities Committee (Canwell Committee) which had been maintained until February 10, 1955, in a locked room in the State House of Representatives' Building, Olympia, Wash.

These records were turned over to the above agents in the presence of Mr. HOLCOMB; House of Representatives' speaker, JOHN O'BRIEN; Lt. Gov EMMETT ANDERSON; and other legislative officials.

The following receipt was executed on the above agents and a copy of this receipt is attached hereto for the exhibit envelope (100-18606-12 (3)).

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"Received of S. R. Holcomb, Chief Clerk, the Un-American Activities file material as listed in the attached description. These records were released by the Legislature to the Federal Bureau of Investigation by direction of House Concurrent Resolution No. 5.

s/ Steve S. Carter

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(CANWELL COMMITTEE) IS - C. REOURAIRTEL 2/17/55. ARTICLE IN
SEATTLE TIMES 2/17/55 STATES THAT THE WASH. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
AFTER VOTING ON 2/17/55 TO CREATE A COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE THE
ALLEGED MISSING RECORDS OF THE FORMER CANWELL COMMITTEE, HAD SCHEDULED
ITS FIRST HEARING ON THE MATTER FOR 7:30 PM MONDAY, 2/21/55. THE
ARTICLE INDICATED THAT SUBPOENAS HAD BEEN ISSUED BY THE HOUSE
INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE FOR ALBERT F. CANWELL, CHAIRMAN OF THE
FORMER COMMITTEE, R. R. RUTTER; AND GRANT SISSON. RUTTER WAS IDENTIFIED
AS A FORMER STATE SENATOR FROM ELLENSBURG, AND SISSON AS A FORMER
STATE REPRESENTATIVE FROM MT. VERNON. THE ARTICLE FURTHER STATED THAT
THE INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE SET UP BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WAS COMPOSED OF JOHN L. O'BRIEN, PRESENT SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE, A
DEMOCRAT, AND R. MORT FRAYN, A REPUBLICAN, BOTH OF SEATTLE, WASHINGTON.
ANY FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS OF INTEREST WILL BE FURNISHED TO THE BUREAU.

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House Group Sets Meet On Missing

Canwell Records

OLYMPIA, Feb. 17. — The House of Representatives took a forward and a backward look at Legislative Un-American Activities Committees Thursday.

On the one hand, the special House Committee to investigate the missing records of the old Canwell Committee scheduled its first meeting and issued its first subpoenas.

Meanwhile, Rep. Arnold Wang, Bremerton Republican, presented a resolution asking the Legislature to set up a new Un-American Activities Committee.

Wang asked that three Representatives and three Senators be named to a committee to investigate not only communist activities but also enforcement of the state's criminal laws.

House Speaker John O'Brien, Seattle Democrat, who along with former House Speaker R. Mort Frayn, Seattle Republican, comprises the two-man committee to look into the missing records, set 7:30 p.m. Monday for its first public hearing.

The subpoenas were directed at three former members—all Republicans—of the Canwell Committee. They included former Rep. Al Canwell, of Spokane, the former chairman; former Sen. R. L. Ruttler of Ellensburg and former Rep. Grant Sisson of Mount Vernon.

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Hearing on Missing Files Set for Monday

By Associated Press.

OLYMPIA, Feb. 17.—The special House committee to investigate the missing files of the 1947-49 State Un-American Activities Committee will hold its first hearing Monday night, Speaker John L. O'Brien disclosed today.

Subpoenas were issued today for three who served on the Un-American Activities Committee—Albert F. Canwell, Spokane, who was chairman; R. R. Rutter, Ellensburg, and Grant Sisson, Mount Vernon. All are Republicans.

The investigating committee is composed of O'Brien, a Democrat, and R. Mort Frayn, Republican, both of Seattle. Frayn was Speaker during the 1953 Legislature and headed the bipartisan Interim Legislative Council during the past two years.

The House voted unanimously yesterday to attempt to find out on its own what happened to the files. The Senate had refused earlier to join the probe.

Records of the Canwell committee's investigation of Communist activities in the Washington Pension Union and the University of Washington supposedly were locked in a store room in the Legislative Building here in 1949.

Elaborate precautions were taken to protect the room, but when O'Brien and Lieut. Gov. Emmett Anderson unlocked it last week to turn over the files to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, they found only a few reports and periodicals which they said were of questionable value.

Anderson said he learned from Canwell that the more important documents had been filmed. Canwell did not say where the microfilms now are,

but there have been persistent reports they were handed over to the F. B. I. in 1949. The F. B. I. declined to comment.

Meanwhile, another move against Un-American activities came before the House in the form of a resolution presented by Arnold S. Swang, Bremerton Republican. He wants to create a new Un-American Activities Committee of three senators and three members of the House to investigate reports of Communist activities and look into the enforcement of criminal laws in Washington.

Wang said "it is general public knowledge that many of the criminal laws of this state are being openly and flagrantly violated by the Communists of this state."

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House Votes Own Canwell Probe

OLYMPIA, Feb. 16.—(P)—The House of Representatives voted today to conduct its own investigation of the missing records of the old Canwell committee.

Without a dissenting vote, members of the lower chamber passed a resolution naming House Speaker John L. O'Brien, a Democrat, and former House Speaker R. Mort Frayn, a Republican, to look into the whereabouts of the documents.

The house acted after the senate refused yesterday to join in the probe.

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Senate Delays Action On Canwell Probe

By Post-Intelligencer Staff Writer

OLYMPIA, Feb. 14.—The State Senate today delayed action until Tuesday on the House-approved resolution for a legislative investigation into the whereabouts of the missing Canwell Committee records.

The resolution will be a special order, of business Tuesday.

As passed in the Democratic-controlled House, with the Republican minority concurring, it would set up a two-member committee to try to find out what happened to certain papers kept by former Republican Rep. Al Canwell of Spokane, during its 1948 investigation of Communist activities.

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KEY RED-PROBE PAPERS WERE MICROFILMED, SAYS CANWELL

Anderson Talks With Ex-Solon On Documents

By LEROY HITTLE
Associated Press Staff Writer

OLYMPIA, Feb. 12. — Lieut. Gov. Emmett Anderson said today he had learned from former Representative Albert F. Canwell that the most important documents of the State Un-American Activities Committee were microfilmed.

Canwell, who now lives in Spokane, headed the committee in 1947-49.

Anderson said Canwell told him in a telephone conversation today that the records were filmed because of threats he had received during the 1948 hearings that someone might get into the committee's files and seize important documents.

Today the House of Representatives gave its unanimous approval to a legislative investigation into the mystery of the missing records.

After the House adopted the resolution, it was sent to the Senate, but the upper chamber adjourned until Monday without acting on it.

The 1948 hearings in Seattle created sensational news as the Canwell Committee probed reports of Communist activities within the Washington State Pension Union and on the University of Washington campus.

Anderson said he did not learn from Canwell where the microfilms are now. He said Canwell was willing to come to Olympia and make his own statement, but was reluctant to say much on the telephone.

As to other committee records reportedly missing from a room of the Legislative Building, where they had been sealed for the past six years, Anderson quoted Canwell as saying:

1. He was not at his committee's office in Seattle in 1949 when the records were "seized" by representatives of the Legislature and trucked off to Olympia. As a result, Canwell said, he did not know what was locked in the room six years ago.

Absence Noted

2. He was not present when the room was opened this week, so he did not know what was found. Canwell said he probably would have to check with the Federal Bureau of Investigation

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State Senate Gets Canwell Resolution

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to see what was found and turned over to them.

The room where the records were locked up in 1949, on order of the 31st Legislature, was opened this week after the 34th Legislature ordered that the documents be turned over to the F. B. I. Anderson, House Speaker John O'Brien and the F. B. I. men were present.

O'Brien, shuffling through the dusty papers and photographs that were found, said it appeared a large share of the records and documents were missing. Some of the drawers of the file cabinets and at least one of the three safes were empty.

The Speaker and other members of the powerful House Rules Committee joined in a resolution calling for an investigation into the missing records by two men: O'Brien and a member of the Senate, probably the president pro tem, Victor Zednick, Seattle Republican.

"Vital Information"

The resolution said the missing records "may contain information vital to the security and protection of the United States government and the government of the State of Washington."

O'Brien, a Seattle Democrat, said he intends to subpoena Canwell and anyone else who may have knowledge of the records.

Republicans joined Democrats in the House resolution. The vote was 75-0.

Representative Newman H. Clark, Seattle Republican, told members of the House that since he had been instrumental in arranging for the F. B. I. to receive the old Canwell Committee records, "I am proud that both sides of the House are in agreement on this resolution."

Shortage "Evident"

The Democratic majority leader, August P. Mardesich of Everett, urged enactment of the measure for the investigation, asserting it was evident when the room was unlocked that

some of the records were missing.

After Canwell conducted the hearings in Seattle in 1948, he abandoned his House seat to run for the State Senate. He lost out to Don Miller, a Democrat. In 1950 he ran for the United States Senate, but lost in the Republican primary to W. Walter Williams.

Canwell ran for congressman-at-large on the Republican ticket in 1952 and 1954, but lost on both times to the Democratic candidate, Don Magnuson.

Canwell Committee:

Missing Red Probe Records Inquiry Voted

OLYMPIA, Feb. 12.—(AP)—The House of Representatives gave its unanimous approval today to a legislative investigation into the whereabouts of the records of the State Un-American Activities Committee.

While the House was pushing for the inquiry, Lt. Gov. Emmett Anderson said he had learned from former Rep. Albert F. Canwell of Spokane, who headed the committee in 1947-49, that the committee's most important documents had been micro-filmed.

(This was reported exclusively by The Post-Intelligencer Saturday.)

RECORDS FILMED

Anderson said Canwell told him in a telephone conversation today that the records were filmed because of threats he had received during the 1948 hearings that someone might get into the committee's files and seize important documents.

As to the other committee records allegedly missing from a room of the Legislative Building, where they had been sealed for the last six years, Anderson quoted Canwell as saying:

1—He was not at his committee's office in Seattle in 1949 when the records were "seized" by representatives of the Legislature and trucked off to Olympia. As a result, Canwell said, he did not know what was locked in the room six years ago.

2—He was not present when the room was opened last week, so he did not know what was found. Canwell said he probably would have to check with the Federal Bureau of Investigation to see what was found and turned over to them.

The room where the records were locked up in 1949 on order of the 31st Legislature was opened last week on order of the 34th Legislature that the documents could be turned over to the FBI.

House Speaker John O'Brien and other members of the powerful House Rules Committee joined in a resolution calling for a two-man investigation into the missing records: O'Brien and a member of the Senate, probably President Pro-tem Victor Zednick, Seattle Republican.

After the House adopted the resolution, it was rushed to the Senate, but the upper chamber adjourned until Monday without acting on it.

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Solons to Hear Canwell On Probe Records

By Associated Press.

OLYMPIA, Feb. 12.—Albert D. Canwell, a man who says he has "considerable to say" about missing records of the 1947 Legislature's Un-American Activities Committee, apparently will get his opportunity.

The House Rules Committee prepared today to create by resolution a two-man investigations committee, either from one or both houses of the Legislature, to seek the records or an explanation of why there virtually were none when the files were opened Thursday.

The initial step in the resolution was taken last night when the committee approved it without dissent. It appeared likely to pass the House, as the signatures of eight Democrats and five Republicans were on it.

Resolution Names Two

In its present form, the resolution names John L. O'Brien, Democratic Speaker of the House, and Victor Zednick, Republican president pro tem of the Senate, as the committee. They would be given the power to subpoena witnesses.

Rules Committee members said that if the Senate rejects the resolution it probably will be amended as a strictly House action and passed anyway.

Senate leaders said they did not know what action their group would take.

O'Brien said he intends, if the resolution is passed, to subpoena Canwell, a former representative and erstwhile chairman of the committee.

In Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, where he had gone to make a speech, Canwell said he did not feel it was proper or advisable to answer questions at this time.

"At the proper time and on the proper forum," Canwell said, "I will tell what I have to say. I'm anxious to say it."

Canwell would not comment when asked whether he had confidential records other than those stored in Olympia but said he still is collecting information on Communist activities. He did not say what he did with the information.

Ready Next Week

Canwell said he will be prepared to answer a subpoena the first of the week.

O'Brien did not say when he would issue a subpoena if given the authority. He said, however, the state had \$160,000 invested in the committee records and is entitled to have them.

The Speaker said that if, as reported, the records were microfilmed, the films were the property of the Legislature and should have been handed over to it along with other committee effects.

An unconfirmed report said the films had been turned over to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The F. B. I. declined to comment.

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Canwell May Be Called in Missing Files Case

Whereabouts of the records and files of the old state legislative un-American activities committee apparently remained a mystery today to leaders of the legislature.

The "Whodunnit" developed yesterday when legislative leaders found only a few papers of "questionable value" in safes and filing cabinets which supposedly contained them.

In Olympia today, House Speaker John L. O'Brien told the Associated Press he intends to subpoena former Representative Al F. Canwell of Spokane to account for the allegedly missing records.

In Spokane, Canwell declined to comment on where the files might be.

But, he said: "If the legislature wishes to talk with me, I will be available. I would be very happy to give them information I have."

He said he had given the combination to one of the safes to legislative officials a few days ago. He added he hadn't heard officially from Olympia since the strongboxes were opened yesterday, but learned of the situation through news reports.

Canwell headed the investigating committee in 1948 when it conducted public hearings into un-American activities in the Washington Pension union and on the University of Washington campus.

The Associated Press reported

from Olympia the committee's records were locked in file cabinets and safes and turned over to the 1949 legislature. The 1949 legislature ordered them locked in a room of the legislative buildings. There they remained until this week.

O'Brien and Lt. Governor Emmett Anderson opened the room, unlocked the file cabinets and had a locksmith open the safes.

O'Brien said the few papers and books in the room were of questionable value. They were, however, turned over to the federal bureau of investigation.

The G-men were waiting to take possession of the records, which the legislature had voted to turn over to them. Two of the safes couldn't be opened. That is why the locksmith was called. It was presumed the records were in the safes because two letter files and a card index file contained only a few papers, photographs and a quantity of dust.

O'Brien, a Democrat, said he couldn't understand what happened to what he thought should have been in the room and expected Canwell, a Republican, to provide the answer.

Meanwhile, there was speculation some of the state committee's records might be in the files of United States Senator Joseph McCarthy or some congressional investigative committee.

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PROBERS TO HOLD SPOKANE HEARING

The house un-American activities committee will hold hearings in Spokane in the near future, Chairman Walter (D-Pa.) told the Associated Press today in Washington, D. C.

The investigation for the Spokane hearing is in the preliminary stage, however, he said, and it not known who will be questioned here.

A hearing also is planned in the near future in Fort Wayne, Ind., Walter said. It will involve questioning "certain people" active in the United Electrical Workers' union, which was ousted from the CIO as Communist-dominated, he explained.

The committee announced last year that it would hold hearings in Spokane as part of an investigation of the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers' union (Ind.), which also was expelled from the CIO for allegedly following the Communist party line.

Since that time, however, the committee has changed from Republican to Democratic domination and whether the subject of the hearing here has been changed could not be learned immediately.

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THE NEWSPAPER ARTICLE STATED THAT THIS ACTION ON THE PART OF THE SENATE HAD THE EFFECT OF KILLING THE PREVIOUS VOTE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY. IT WAS INDICATED IN THE ARTICLE, HOWEVER, THAT THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE PREDICTED THAT A NEW RESOLUTION WOULD BE DRAWN AND PASSED BY THE HOUSE AGAIN DIRECTING THAT AN INQUIRY BE MADE.

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Senate Refuses To Join Canwell Probe

By ED GUTHMAN

Times Staff Correspondent

OLYMPIA, Feb. 15.—Senate Republicans today declined to join in an investigation to determine what happened to the files of the 1947-49 State Un-American Activities Committee.

The vote was 26 to 19 against the probe. Senator William Goodloe, Seattle, was the lone Republican voting for the investigation. Three Democrats, Dr. David C. Cowen, James Keefe and Roderick Lindsay, all of Spokane, joined the Republicans in killing the proposal.

House to Investigate

The House last week voted unanimously to search for the missing records, and had asked the Senate to join. House Speaker John L. O'Brien, Democrat, Seattle, said the House would go it alone despite the Senate disapproval.

The Senate's action had the effect of killing the House's vote. However, House Republican leaders joined O'Brien in stating that a new resolution would be drawn and passed by the House.

The resolution probably will designate a key Democrat and Republican to make the investigation.

Records of the controversial committee were believed to have been stored in a room in the

House in 1949. When leaders of the Legislature unlocked the room last week for the first time in six years to give the supposedly valuable records to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, they found only a few unimportant papers and periodicals.

Senator Albert D. Rosellini, Democratic floor leader, asked for unanimous approval of the resolution. He said the chairman of the now-defunct committee, former Representative Albert Canwell, Spokane Republican, should be as anxious as anyone to have an impartial search for the records.

Senator Sees No Good

Senator Dale M. Nordquist, Republican, Centralia, said further investigation would do no good.

"Those in favor of starting a three-ring circus should vote 'yes,' and those in favor of getting the work done should vote 'no,'" Nordquist said.

Rosellini replied:

"I'm sure Senator Nordquist did not mean all that he said. There is a much deeper question involving the integrity of the Legislature. If we by-pass this resolution, we are taking the course that we don't care that someone was in contempt of the Legislature."

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COMMITTEE CEASED ITS ACTIVITIES. THE NEWSPAPER ARTICLE APPEARING IN THE SEATTLE TIMES ON 2/13/55 QUOTES LT. GOVERNOR EMMETT ANDERSON AS HAVING STATED THAT HE LEARNED FROM ALBERT F. CANNELL THAT THE MOST IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS OF THE FORMER STATE UNAMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE HAD BEEN MICROFILMED. ANDERSON WAS QUOTED AS HAVING SAID THAT HE HAD NOT LEARNED FROM CANNELL WHERE THE MICROFILMS PRESENTLY ARE. THE SEATTLE OFFICE HAS NO INFORMATION EITHER AS TO WHETHER THE COMMITTEE'S RECORDS WERE EVER MICROFILMED OR IF THEY WERE MICROFILMED, THE PRESENT LOCATION OF THE FILMS. ANY FURTHER ACTION TAKEN BY THE LEGISLATURE IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROPOSED INQUIRY REGARDING THESE RECORDS WILL BE FURNISHED TO THE BUREAU.

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ITTEE EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT OVER AMOUNT OF MATERIAL FOUND IN THESE RECORDS AND STATED TO PRESS THAT THEY FELT IT POSSIBLE THAT FILES HAD BEEN PARTIALLY STRIPED BY FORMER CHAIRMAN CANWELL. AGENTS PRESENT FURNISHED NO COMMENT CONCERNING RECORDS OR QUANTITIES FOUND TO LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE OR TO THE PRESS. FURTHER AND MORE DETAILED EXAMINATION OF RECORDS WILL BE MADE AND BUREAU ADVISED OF ANY ADDITIONAL DEVELOPMENTS OF INTEREST.

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RECORDS OF THE WASHINGTON STATE UNAMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE
(CANWELL COMMITTEE), IS - C. REMYTEL FEB. EIGHT, LAST. ATTACHED
HERETO ARE ARTICLES APPEARING IN SEATTLE TIMES CONCERNING THIS SUBJECT.
NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES
AS TO ACTION TO BE TAKEN TO SECURE ENTRY INTO THE LOCKED SAFES PURPORTEDLY
CONTAINING OTHER RECORDS. NO FURTHER ACTION WILL BE TAKEN PENDING SUCH
ADVICE AND UNTIL AN OPPORTUNITY PROVIDED TO COMPLETELY EXAMINE RECORDS
SO STORED. BUREAU WILL BE FURTHER ADVISED.

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C.H.D.
by W.A.M.

IN THE HOUSE.

By MESSRS. RASMUSSEN and FRAYN.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 5

STATE OF WASHINGTON, THIRTY-FOURTH REGULAR SESSION.

Read first time January 25, 1955, ordered printed and advanced to second reading and under suspension of rules January 25, 1955, read second time and advanced to third reading, under suspension of rules January 25, 1955, read third time and adopted.

Be It Resolved, By the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, of the State of Washington, in Legislative Session Assembled:

WHEREAS, The thirtieth session of the Legislature of the State of Washington, by House Concurrent Resolution No. 10, did establish a joint fact-finding committee on un-American activities; and

WHEREAS, The thirty-first session of the Legislature, the House of Representatives, did by resolution appearing on page 174 of said house journal, resolve that the records of the committee, together with all the property of the committee to be deposited with the Legislature in the same manner as were the records and property of the Legislative Council; and

WHEREAS, The thirtieth session of the Legislature did adopt chapter 36, Laws of 1947, codified as RCW 44.24.070, which provides said records should be delivered to the Speaker of the House or President of the Senate and held subject to the order of the Senate and House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, It appears that said records of the joint fact-finding committee investigating un-American activities, have been under the care, custody and control of the Speaker of the House and President of the Senate since the thirty-first session of the Legislature; and

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WHEREAS, It further appears that no use or purpose can be served at this time by keeping said records, documents and property pertaining to the hearings of the committee under the care, custody and control of the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate;

Now Therefore, Be It Resolved, By the Senate and the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, in legislative session assembled, that the President of the Senate be and he is hereby empowered, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives be and he is hereby empowered, to jointly dispose of the records, documents and property of the joint fact-finding committee on un-American activities authorized under House Concurrent Resolution No. 10 of the thirtieth legislature, by transmitting them to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

House Amendment to House Concurrent Resolution
No. 5

By Representative Rasmussen

In line 1, page 2 of the original resolution, being line 10, page 2 of the printed resolution, after the word "property" and before the words "of the" insert the words "except filing cabinets, safes and other office equipment and furniture"

Adopted 1/25/55

SENATE AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 5 By Senator Goodloe

Amend the resolution, lines 29 and 30, page 1 of the engrossed resolution, same being lines 3 and 4 of the resolving clause in the mimeographed resolution, by striking the word "empowered" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "directed"

Amend the resolution, line 31, page 1 of the engrossed resolution, same being line 5 of the resolving clause in the mimeographed resolution, by striking the word "empowered" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "directed"

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RECORDS OF THE WASHINGTON STATE UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE PARENTHESIS CANWELL COMMITTEE END PARENTHESIS, IS DASH C. REBUTEL TWO-SEVEN LAST. HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NUMBER FIVE PASSED BY WASHINGTON STATE LEGISLATURE ON ONE-TWENTYFIVE LAST, DIRECTS THE UN-QUALIFIED DISPOAL OF AND RELEASE TO THE FBI OF ALL COMMITTEE RECORDS. AT REQUEST OF REPRESENTATIVE JOHN O-BRIEN, SPEAKER OF HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AGENTS WERE PRESENT TODAY TO EXAMINE RECORDS PRIOR TO ANY FINAL ACCEPTANCE OF FILES. AN EXAMINATION MADE OF SEALED STORAGE ROOM AT STATE CAPITOL WHEREIN RECORDS PLACED REVEALED ONE FILE CABINET CONTAINING NUMEROUS THREE BY FIVE INDEX CARDS CONTAINING SOME DATA. TWO OTHER FILE CABINETS CONTAINED ONLY SMALL AMOUNTS OF MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE, NEWSPAPERS AND PHOTOGRAPHS. THREE LARGE SAFES REPORTEDLY CONTAINING THE MOST VALUABLE OF THE COMMITTEE-S RECORDS COULD NOT BE OPENED AS COMBINATIONS COULD NOT READILY BE LOCATED. ATTEMPT BEING MADE BY STATE LEGISLATIVE OFFICIALS AT OLYMPIA TO OBTAIN COMBINATION FOR FURTHER EXAMINATION OF CONTENTS OF SAFE PRIOR TO ANY FINAL ACCEPTANCE OF THESE RECORDS. FURTHER CONTACT WILL BE HAD UPON ADVICE FROM THESE OFFICIALS AS TO COMPLETE AVAILABILITY OF ALL RECORDS. ALL LEADING LEGISLATIVE MEMBERS FROM BOTH HOUSE AND SENATE WERE PRESENT AS WELL AS REPRESENTITIVES OF PRESS WHEN LOCKED RECORD ROOM OPENED. BUREAU WILL BE FURTHER ADVISED.

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RECORDS OF THE WASHINGTON STATE UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE PARENTHESIS CANWELL COMMITTEE END PARENTHESIS, IS DASH C. REURTEL FEBRUARY FOUR, LAST. YOU SHOULD EXAMINE THE RECORDS OF THE CANWELL COMMITTEE, IF POSSIBLE BEFORE THE BILL IN QUESTION PASSES THE WASHINGTON STATE SENATE, AND DETERMINE THE EXACT NATURE AND VOLUME AND IF THEY CONTAIN SUFFICIENT INFORMATION OF VALUE TO THE BUREAU TO WARRANT INCORPORATING THEM OR A PART THEREOF INTO YOUR OFFICE RECORDS, DO SO. IF A PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION OF THESE RECORDS REFLECTS THAT THEY CONTAIN NO INFORMATION OF VALUE TO THE BUREAU AND THAT THE INFORMATION IN THEM IS ALREADY AVAILABLE TO YOU, YOU SHOULD NOT ACCEPT THEM, BUT YOU SHOULD ADVISE THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE WASHINGTON STATE LEGISLATURE WHO HAVE DISCUSSED THIS MATTER WITH YOU THAT THE BUREAU ALREADY HAS THE INFORMATION IN THESE RECORDS. THIS SHOULD PRECLUDE ANY POSSIBILITY OF EMBARRASSMENT TO THE BUREAU FOR NOT ACCEPTING THE RECORDS. KEEP BUREAU ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENTS.

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Rep. Newman Clark

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (100-18606)

DATE: 2/4/55

FROM : SA CHARLES H. DEFORD

SUBJECT: WASHINGTON STATE UNAMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE
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In view of information telephonically received from AL CANWELL regarding a Bill in the legislature to turn over records of the former Canwell Committee to the FBI, I telephoned Mr. NEWMAN CLARK on this date. Mr. CLARK in November had advised that he had been designated to discuss this matter with us and had at that time stated that after he found out more about what the nature of the records were he would get in touch with us again. Mr. CLARK, however, has not again contacted us in this regard.

Mr. CLARK advised that a Bill had been passed by the House of Representatives providing for the turning over of the records of the Canwell Committee to the FBI. According to Mr. CLARK, this Bill contained no restrictions whatsoever other than a rider to the Bill which provided that the filing cabinets in which the records were presently contained were not to go with the records.

Mr. CLARK was reminded that if these records were turned over to us by the legislature and accepted by us they would be integrated into the files of the FBI and would not thereafter be available for review by any representatives of the State Government in accordance with the general policy of the FBI relative to its records. Mr. CLARK again stated that there were no restrictions in the Bill providing that anybody would have access to them after they were turned over by the state to this organization. Mr. CLARK further stated that the Bill, after passing by the House, had been sent to the Senate for action and that he did not at the moment know what action had been taken by the Senate to date. He said, however, that he would determine what the status of the Bill was in the Senate and thereafter telephone us.

In view of the Bureau's earlier instruction that it was not desired that we accept custody of these records, a teletype has been prepared for the Bureau outlining the status of this matter to date and suggesting that if the records are offered we accept them in order to avoid possible criticism that the FBI is not interested in local Communist matters. It was felt that the Bureau's instruction that we not accept custody of the records did not at the time it was issued envision that this would be a formal action in the nature of a Bill enacted by the State Legislature.

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WASHINGTON STATE UNAMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE, "CANWELL COMMITTEE," IS C. RE BUREAU AIRTEL NOVEMBER THIRTY, LAST. DESPITE DISCUSSION ALONG LINES SET OUT RE AIRTEL WITH MR. NEWMAN CLARK, MEMBER WASHINGTON STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, HOUSE PASSED BILL TO TURN OVER CANWELL COMMITTEE RECORDS TO FBI AND SENT BILL TO STATE SENATE FOR ACTION. CLARK ADVISED BILL CONTAINED NO RESTRICTIONS AS TO FUTURE AVAILABILITY RECORDS TO REPRESENTATIVES OF STATE GOVERNMENT BUT PROPOSES UNQUALIFIED SURRENDER OF ALL COMMITTEE RECORDS TO FBI. I HAVE RECEIVED NO NOTIFICATION OF LEGISLATURE-S INTENTION TO TURN OVER THESE RECORDS OTHER THAN DISCUSSION WITH CLARK. HE ANTICIPATES SENATE WILL TAKE ACTION SIMILAR TO HOUSE AND THEREAFTER OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION OF LEGISLATIVE DECISION WILL BE FURNISHED TO ME. IF SUCH BILL PASSED WITH NO RESTRICTIONS ON TRANSFER RECORDS TO FBI I DO NOT FEEL WE SHOULD PUT OURSELVES IN POSITION OF REFUSING TO ACCEPT THEM. WHEREAS I DO NOT THINK RECORDS FROM SUBSTANTIVE VIEWPOINT WILL BE OF ANY PARTICULAR VALUE, I BELIEVE THAT BY REFUSING THEM WE WOULD BE SUBJECTING OURSELVES TO CRITICISM IN EYES OF PUBLIC AS NOT INTERESTED IN RECORDS DEALING WITH COMMUNISM IN THIS STATE AND COMMITTEE PUBLICLY BELIEVED TO HAVE DEVELOPED GREAT AMOUNT INFORMATION RE COMMUNISM. TO REFUSE TO ACCEPT

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THE LEGISLATURE-S OFFER THESE RECORDS COULD BE INTERPRETED AS DISINTEREST
BY FBI IN COMMUNIST MATTERS. I THEREFORE RECOMMEND THAT IF THEY ARE
OFFERED AS ANTICIPATED BY LEGISLATURE, WE ACCEPT THEM. BUREAU-S DESIRES
REQUESTED BY RETURN TEL.

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END AND ACK

HOLD AFTER ACK

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Canwell File Release Asked

The Department of Washington, American Legion, will ask the State Legislature to release Canwell Committee files for use by the State Attorney General, Dr. Harry H. Kretzler, of Edmonds, department commander, said Tuesday.

Dr. Kretzler said the action is the result of the department executive committee's approval of a resolution submitted at its Seattle meeting Sunday.

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

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JRS Transmit the following message to: SAC, SEATTLE

RECORDS OF THE WASHINGTON STATE UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE (CANWELL COMMITTEE), INTERNAL SECURITY - C. REURAIRTEL NOVEMBER 22, 1954. YOU SHOULD EXAMINE THE RECORDS BEING OFFERED BY MR. CLARK AND ABSTRACT FROM THEM ANY MATERIAL OF VALUE TO THE BUREAU. YOU SHOULD NOT ACCEPT PHYSICAL CUSTODY OF THE RECORDS THEMSELVES. YOU MAY POINT OUT TO MR. CLARK IF DESIRED THAT IF THE BUREAU ACCEPTED THESE RECORDS THEY WOULD BECOME A PART OF THE FILES OF THE FBI AND HENCE UNAVAILABLE TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT IN THE FUTURE AND THAT THE BUREAU, THEREFORE, DOES NOT DESIRE TO TAKE PHYSICAL CUSTODY OF THE RECORDS AND BE IN THE FUTURE PLACED IN THE POSITION OF REFUSING ACCESS TO THEM TO THE PERSONS WHO ORIGINALLY MADE THEM AVAILABLE, BUT THAT THE BUREAU WILL BE HAPPY TO ACCEPT ANY INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THESE RECORDS OF VALUE TO OUR INVESTIGATIONS.

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*Clark said he'd
come over + talk about this
after he got details then
Hold off this till then*

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Canwell dead politically but 'ism' remains

By ACE ALLISON

Daily People's World Northwest Bureau

Although the McCarthyite-Fascist threat he symbolizes remains, Albert Canwell as a political figure is dead.

He was buried under a thick layer of Republican, Democratic and independent votes Nov. 2 in his third unsuccessful bid for a Congressional seat. Canwell is an excellent example of how a political reputation can be built on terror, on the exploitation of the anti-Communist "big lie," rather than on vote getting ability.

ONLY ONCE

The facts are that Canwell won election to public office only once and has been rejected by the voters in four successive elections. In 1946 he rode the GOP trend into one of the two state house positions in a strongly Republican Spokane district.

After his one two year term, during which he was chairman of the state witchhunt committee bearing his name, Canwell sought election to the state senate from his district. He was soundly defeated.

In 1948 he opposed W. Walter Williams for the Republican nomination for the U.S. Senate. He was badly beaten. In 1952 he narrowly won the Republican nomination for Congress-at-large but went down to defeat at the hands of Don Magnuson in the finals. This year it was a repeat performance with Magnuson winning by more than 120,000 votes giving Canwell the most crushing defeat suffered by any candidate on either ticket.

Canwell boasts of a record which hardly bears close scrutiny. The 1949 session of the legislature rejected every one of the Canwell committee's "recommendations" which included fingerprinting of all public school teachers and a "Devil's Island" for the foreign born.

The legislature refused to re-establish the witchhunt committee. And with the primary defeat of Senator Harold Kimball in the 44th district this year, the last member of the Canwell committee has been eliminated from the legislature.

PULITZER PRIZE

Canwell boasts of his accomplishments in exposing "Communists" but he has never been able to cover up the proven fact that he used the powers of his committee to protect a perjurer.

He used the state police to escort George Hewitt, New York, out of the state to avoid a perjury warrant.

In a series of articles the conservative Seattle Times proved that Canwell deliberately suppressed evidence which proved that Hewitt perjured himself in

testifying against Prof. Melvin Rader, who is still on the faculty of the University of Washington.

For the articles which completely discredited Canwell, Reported Ed Guthman of The Times was awarded a Pulitzer prize.

In spite of his unsavory record Canwell was adopted into the Republican "family" by the Eisenhower-Langlie forces. Last spring the national administration gave him a pre-election buildup with a special state department appointment in Europe.

When the Velde committee came to Seattle Canwell was the official screener of those given passes to the "public" hearings.

The GOP leadership brought pressure to bear to keep any strong candidate out of the primary race for Congress-at-large.

When President Eisenhower

visited the state he embraced the witchhunter and was photographed with him. Canwell used the picture to the hilt and campaigned strongly—as an Eisenhower supporter.

Vice President Nixon and Gov. Langlie endorsed Canwell all over the place appearing with him at big mass meetings, over TV and the radio.

But the McCarthy smell was too strong and thousands of voters, who went right down the line for other Republican nominees, hopped off the GOP line in the Congress-at-large race.

The revolt of so many Republican voters, has led the GOP leadership to admit that Canwell is too big a political liability to carry any longer.

Canwell is a dead duck politically. But Canwellism remains. The job of burying it remains to be done.

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WASHINGTON STATE UNAMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE (CANWELL COMMITTEE) -
COMMITTEE RECORDS OFFERED TO FBI. MR. NEWMAN CLARK, MEMBER OF WASHINGTON
STATE LEGISLATURE, TELEPHONED THE SEATTLE OFFICE TODAY AND ADVISED THAT
HE HAD BEEN DESIGNATED TO DISCUSS THE MATTER WITH US AND TO MAKE NECESSARY
ARRANGEMENTS LOOKING TOWARD THE TURNING OVER TO THE FBI RECORDS OF THE
FORMER WASHINGTON STATE UNAMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE, WHICH WAS
POPULARLY KNOWN AS THE CANWELL COMMITTEE BECAUSE ITS CHAIRMAN DURING
THE PERIOD OF ITS EXISTENCE WAS FORMER STATE SENATOR ALBERT CANWELL.
THIS COMMITTEE OPERATED DURING THE 1947-1949 BIENNIAL UNDER CHAIRMANSHIP
OF CANWELL, AND IN 1948 HELD PUBLIC HEARINGS, THE RESULTS OF WHICH HAVE
BEEN ISSUED IN PUBLISHED FORM AND WHICH ARE IN POSSESSION OF THIS OFFICE.
THERE HAS BEEN NO WASHINGTON STATE UNAMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE SINCE
1949 ALTHOUGH IN THAT YEAR THE STATE SENATE SET UP A PROPOSED COMMITTEE
TO CONTINUE THIS TYPE OF WORK BUT PROVIDED IT WITH NO FUNDS SO IT
ACCOMPLISHED NO TANGIBLE RESULTS. MR. CLARK HAD NO INFORMATION REGARDING
THE BULK OR NATURE OF THE RECORDS WHICH IT IS PROPOSED ARE TO BE TURNED
OVER TO US, APPARENTLY NOT HAVING EXAMINED THE RECORDS BEFORE TELEPHONING.
HOWEVER, IN CONNECTION WITH EARLIER ATTEMPTS TO OBTAIN CERTAIN DOCUMENTS
REPORTEDLY TURNED OVER TO THE CANWELL COMMITTEE THIS OFFICE HAS BEEN

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ADVISED THAT THE RECORDS ARE MAINTAINED IN A LOCKED SAFE OR FILE CABINET IN A LOCKED ROOM IN THE STATE CAPITOL BUILDING IN OLYMPIA. IN ADDITION, ALBERT CANWELL VERY CONFIDENTIALLY ADVISED US IN JUNE 1952 THAT THE BULK OF THE RECORDS OF THE COMMITTEE HE HEADED HAD BEEN TAKEN FROM THE COMMITTEE FILES BY HIM PRIOR TO TURNING THESE RECORDS OVER TO OTHER STATE OFFICIALS AND THAT THE MATERIAL EXTRACTED BY HIM IN THE FORM OF MEMORANDA, CORRESPONDENCE, ETC. HAD EITHER BEEN DESTROYED OR RETAINED IN HIS PERSONAL FILES. MR. CANWELL STATED THAT HE HAD TAKEN THIS ACTION IN VIEW OF HIS REPEATED PROMISES TO THE COMMITTEE'S SOURCES OF INFORMATION THAT INFORMATION FURNISHED TO THE COMMITTEE WOULD BE MAINTAINED CONFIDENTIALLY. HE SAID THAT HE HAD FEARED THIS MATERIAL MIGHT FALL INTO HANDS OF UNSCRUPULOUS INDIVIDUALS OR BE AVAILABLE TO CERTAIN COMMITTEES WHO WOULD USE THE INFORMATION FOR POLITICAL AND PERSONAL REASONS IN A MANNER WHICH MIGHT EMBARRASS HIS INFORMANTS AND SOURCES. MR. CANWELL ALSO ADVISED THAT THE ONLY RECORDS TURNED OVER TO THE STATE WERE THE INDICES OF THE COMMITTEE, WHICH INDICES WOULD BE OF LITTLE VALUE WITHOUT THE BASIC CORRESPONDENCE OR MATERIAL TO WHICH THEY APPLIED. HE FURTHER STATED THAT THE INDICES TO BE OF ANY VALUE WOULD PROBABLY REQUIRE THE USE OF A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE TO INTERPRET THEM. IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE IT IS NOT BELIEVED THAT THE RECORDS TO WHICH MR. CLARK REFERRED WOULD BE OF ANY APPRECIABLE VALUE TO US AND I FEEL THAT WE SHOULD RESPECTFULLY DECLINE TO ACCEPT THEM. THEY WOULD BE OF NO VALUE UNLESS THOROUGHLY REVIEWED AND INDEXED AND IT IS FELT THAT THEIR NET WORTH WOULD NOT COMPENSATE FOR THE TIME WHICH WOULD BE CONSUMED BY SUCH A PROJECT. MR. CLARK INDICATED HE WOULD CALL UPON ME

PERSONALLY TO FURTHER DISCUSS THE MATTER. UNLESS I FIND THAT THESE RECORDS
HAVE A VALUE NOT PRESENTLY FORESEEN, I SHALL ADVISE HIM THAT THEY WOULD
NOT ADD SUFFICIENTLY TO OUR INFORMATION TO WARRANT THEIR INCORPORATION
INTO OUR FILES.

AUERBACH

Canwell gets state Dept. post

SPOKANE, April 29—Al Canwell, McCarthyite politician twice repudiated by the voters, has caught on with the U.S. State Department.

The former chairman of the infamous state un-American Activities Committee arrived in Geneva April 20 as a U.S. consultant at the 7th session of the Inter-governmental Committee for European Migration.

Canwell told the press prior to his departure he was named because of his red-hunting back-

ground. He said his job will be to organize a screening apparatus to prevent "infiltration" of "Communists" into the U.S., Canada and South America.

After the Geneva session of the migration committee, Canwell will go to Bonn, West Germany, Rome and London to inspect refugee operations. He may also visit Norway.

Canwell was defeated in a free-spending campaign for Congress at large in 1952 by Don Magnuson, Democrat. In 1950 he had been soundly thumped in his try for reelection to the state legislature. His committee had the dubious distinction of instigating the political firings in 1950 of three University of Washington teachers.

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WASHINGTON STATE LEGISLATIVE
UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

For the information of the Bureau I am attaching hereto a copy of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 6, Washington State Legislature, 33d Session, which proposes the establishment of a legislative fact-finding committee on un-American or subversive activities.

The Bureau is advised that there is a division in the attitude of the members of the Legislature as to whether such a committee should be created. Certain of the proponents are pushing hard for its establishment because ALBERT CANWELL, formerly Chairman of a similar committee, commonly known as the Canwell Committee, was defeated in the last election in his campaign for Congress. These proponents of a new committee feel that they can use CANWELL in connection with the committee's operation.

As a matter of fact Mr. CANWELL would not be available for work with the committee as he personally advised me that he is going to Washington, D.C. to head an investigative committee for Senator JOSEPH R. McCARTHY. CANWELL related that the only thing that would cause him to change his mind was if he were given the position of U. S. Marshal for the Eastern District of Washington. CANWELL would probably desire to remain in the State of Washington where he has property and where I believe he hopes to eventually be a successful candidate for federal office. However, State Chairman BILL CULLITON, of the Republican Party, has advised confidentially that in all probability the Marshal's job for the Eastern District of Washington will be given to DARRELL HOLMES, an NA graduate, who is Sheriff of Pend Oreille County.

The above is submitted for the Bureau's information.

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JUDGE AARON J. LEVY
So he took the \$320,000 ...

Get-rich judge aided Canwell perjurer

SEATTLE, Nov. 27—A former New York supreme court justice who protected a Canwell Committee witness from a perjury charge is having troubles with the crime commission of this state.

According to news dispatches from New York, Judge Aaron J. Levy, who retired last year, has had some of his financial dealings aired by the state crime

commission. It has been revealed, for example, that during a five year period the jurist had an income of \$320,000, more than double his salary. And during the same period he spent \$406,000. The \$86,000 remains unaccounted for.

Out of testimony before the crime commission came charges of secret stock transactions, influence peddling and bribery.

Local interest in Judge Levy stems from the attempt of King county authorities in 1949 to ex-

tradite George Hewitt, Canwell witness. Judge Levy denied the extradition with a red-baiting attack on Washington state courts. Levy said he would not send the accused perjurer back to be "crucified." As a result Hewitt was never brought to trial.

Hewitt testified, among other things, that Dr. Melvin Rader of the University of Washington, taught at a "secret Communist" school in New York state. Dr. Rader denied this, contending that at the time he was alleged to have been in New York he and his family were actually vacationing at a Washington state mountain resort.

On the basis of information supplied by Dr. Rader, a perjury warrant was issued against Hewitt. But Canwell, with the use of state police, smuggled him out of the state before he could be arrested.

Later it was revealed that the lodge register, which proved that the Rader family was on vacation here at the very time Hewitt claimed the educator was in New York, had been obtained by Canwell Committee investigators. But they suppressed this evidence and allowed Hewitt to take the stand and lie under oath.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (100-18606)
ATTENTION: #3 Desk
FROM : SA ROBERT E. MASON
SUBJECT: CANWELL COMMITTEE REPORTS
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

DATE: July 23, 1952

As a matter of general information, it is to be noted that one RUSSELL N. ANDERSON, Reporting Service, Washington Building, Tacoma, MA 1461, is the individual who has possession of the recordings of all the proceedings at the two hearings held by captioned committee during 1948. Mr. ANDERSON and employees of his office were found to be extremely courteous and cooperative when recently contacted by the writer regarding an authenticated copy of a portion of the testimony provided.

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SA STEVE S. CARTER

COMPROS, LA

Re. Los Angeles teletype 6/20/52 concerning testimony of NAT HONIG.

This teletype requested an authenticated copy of a letter sent by HONIG to the Canwell Committee in about May 1948 concerning errors in his testimony as recorded in the transcript of the Canwell Committee reports.

CANWELL COMMITTEE - DISPOSITION OF FILES

On 6/20/52, former State Senator ALBERT CANWELL advised SA DAVID A. MACCULLOCH, Spokane, Washington, on a very confidential basis, that the bulk of the records, confidential material, correspondence, etc., had been taken from the Canwell Committee files by him prior to turning these records over to other State officials, and either destroyed or retained in his personal files.

CANWELL stated that this action was taken by him in view of his repeated promises to a number of individuals and sources of information for the Canwell Committee to maintain information furnished to the Committee in a confidential status. He stated that he feared that this material might fall into the hands of unscrupulous individuals or into the hands of certain committees who would use this information in a manner calculated to embarrass his informants or other individuals for political or personal reasons.

CANWELL also stated that the only records turned over to the State and its representatives, namely, Speaker of the House of Representatives CHARLES W. HODDE, and an unknown State Patrolman, were the indices of the Committee, which indices would be of little value without the basic correspondence or material to which they applied. He further stated that it would probably require in addition a member of the Committee to interpret even these indices.

RE. HONIG LETTER

In connection with the letter desired by the Los Angeles Office, CANWELL stated that he could not recall this but he had no question in his mind but that if such a letter had been received it had been destroyed.

CANWELL also advised that the entire proceedings and all of the testimony before the Committee had been recorded, and that in addition, ANDY ANDERSON, Federal Court Reporter, at Tacoma, Washington, had stenographically taken all testimony and transcribed the proceedings for the Canwell Committee.

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CANWELL also advised that the Canwell Committee reports were in agreement with the stenographic notes taken as well as the recordings transcribed by wire recorder. He stated that he had no information concerning the present disposition of the wire recordings made of testimony before the Committee, and he considered it possible that these wire recordings could have been in possession of the attorneys representing the defendants in the contempt trials arising out of the Canwell Committee hearings, for a period of a few days. However, he was doubtful if these recordings could now be in possession of the defense attorneys in the Los Angeles Smith Act trials. He advised, however, that in the event they were in possession of such recordings, it would make little difference inasmuch as they reflected only the information contained in the published Canwell Committee reports.

CANWELL stated that he would be in Seattle on Monday, June 23, 1952, at the Olympic Hotel, and could be contacted further for additional information.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ACCESS TO
EXISTING RECORDS OF CANWELL COMMITTEE

On 6/20/52, S. R. HOLCOMB, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, 303 Marion Building, Seattle, Washington, advised that the records of the Canwell Committee are presently locked in a room in a State Building in Olympia, Washington, and that the files were further locked in a safe or file cabinet. He stated that the keys to this room and to these files were maintained in a safety deposit vault at the Talcott Brothers Jewelry Company in Olympia, Washington, and that the keys to this safety deposit vault were in the possession of CHARLES W. HODDE, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and TED SCHROEDER, 728 North Meridian, Puyallup, Washington.

On 6/20/52, CHARLES W. HODDE was contacted by SA MacCULLOCH at Spokane, Washington. He advised that he had no objections to furnishing the Bureau with information from the Canwell Committee files. However, he had only one key to the safety deposit vault referred to above, and that to open this vault would require his presence as well as the presence of TED SCHROEDER who maintains the other key. He further advised that he was not sure as to regulations permitting entry but believed it possible that it would require an Executive Order or an order of the Executive Board. He indicated that he would be in Olympia, Washington, for a short time on June 23, 1952, should further action be required.

On 6/20/52, SA J. MORTON ARNOLD contacted TED SCHROEDER at 728 North Meridian, Puyallup, Washington, and he advised that he would gladly be of assistance to the Bureau in obtaining desired information from the Canwell Committee files. He was not, however, certain as to the procedure by which this might be accomplished, nor as to the location of his key to the safety deposit vault. Through the assistance of SA CHARLES E. FARRELL and LESTER PARKER, former President of the Senate, Aberdeen, Washington, Mr. SCHROEDER's memory was refreshed as to the location of the key.

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RECOMMENDED ACTION

During the course of the interview with Mr. CANWELL, he advised SA MacCULLOCH that he considered it highly unlikely that the desired letter was presently in existence; and stated that in view of the condition of these files, re-entry at this time would probably result in considerable embarrassment to a number of individuals.

It is recommended, therefore, that no additional action be taken to secure entry into the files referred to above, and that CANWELL be further contacted to determine if he recalls receipt of any letter from HONIG concerning errors in his testimony before the Committee.

CANWELL VICTIMS ASK FOR REHEARING BY TOP COURT

SEATTLE, May 3 — A rehearing in appeals taken by three of the Seattle Six Canwell committee victims was asked in briefs filed this week with the U.S. Supreme Court.

The court has rejected earlier appeals from adverse state supreme court decisions.

Burton James, Seattle Repertory Playhouse director, one of those refused a review by the high court, argued in his new petition that his conviction should be reversed since the setting up of the Canwell committee to function between legislative sessions in effect transferred the power of the legislature to the committee's seven members.

New briefs were also filed for Mrs. Florence Bean James, Repertory co-director, and Rachmiel Forschmeidt, city sanitarian.

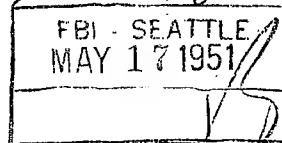
A stay of fines and jail sentences for these three and Dr. Ralph Gundlach and Albert Ottenheimer, the other two victims, was obtained from the state supreme court pending the outcome of the new petitions.

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1st victim of Canwell is jailed

SEATTLE, June 7 — The first of the Seattle Six went to jail this week for contempt of the Canwell committee, long after the people had shown their contempt at the polls by dumping Canwell and most of his cohorts from office.

Dr. Ralph Gundlach began serving his 30 day sentence Tuesday, the final appeal procedure exhausted.

Superior Judge Chester Batchelor rejected a final plea for suspension of a similar jail term by Albert Ottenheimer, whose sentence will also start this week.

Attorneys were seeking this week to stay the sentence of Rachmiel Forschmeidt, another of the Six, until later in the summer.

A suspension of the jail term given Burton James was being sought on grounds of health.

The fifth person convicted for contempt, Mrs. Florence Bean James, did not face a jail sentence. Dr. Herbert J. Phillips was acquitted by a superior court jury.

Both the state and U. S. Supreme courts refused repeatedly to rule on key constitutional issues in the cases, which grew out of the refusal of the Six to allow the committee to invade the realm of political and religious conviction.

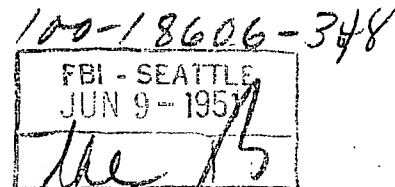
But the fight they launched helped doom the Canwell committee and send every member to defeat at the polls.

Their two year legal battle was a major factor in the defeat of members of the committee at the polls and in the subsequent refusal of the legislature to re-establish the witchhunt.

The Civil Rights Congress said court costs of the two year legal battle and fines would total more than \$2600.

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The first thing will be for you to get the welfare taken care of...children do you have?

S: (answer not heard clearly—might be six or four—or one six years old and one four years old)...

JD: Do you have an automobile.

B: Yes.

JD: Drive out Eastlake next to the power plant....Local there.. tell them about your husband...that he is unable to support you...that you need help...

BF: First go to the PENSION UNION.

JD: The second thing—talk to Mr. KADISH, and see what he intends to do and what he can do. Now let's see—WELFARE-- UNION—oh yes, contact your pastor. I will contact our attorneys and see what we can do. The main thing is that it will take money...When you talk to these people, ask them what they think about it before you tell them what you think about it. Always remember that. You will have to be aggressive in this regard, and you must not forget that.

B: We had an attorney to start with. His name was SULLIVAN. He took ~~\$250.00~~ \$250.00 (maybe \$350) two weeks before...LARRY said he wouldn't need a lawyer....

JD: Did SULLIVAN offer to return the money?

...not heard....

JD: Ask KADISH what the exact amount is for the transcript. If you want you can check it yourself at the court house.

11:28

Hello, WILL (PARRY). Come in and sit down a minute. Let me know what your progress is—we'd like you to keep in contact with us. Have you signed a petition like this? This is on the TRENTON SIX. This case is another injustice. These Negro men are accused of...a bottle was introduced as evidence ...as being used as the weapon....

BF: The bottle had the date stamped on it when it was made—two years after the crime...

JD: I would like you to sign this?

B: O.K. —

11:31

JD: And thanks very much for coming in. It has been a pleasure talking to you. I hope that we have been able to help you.

.... (departed 11:31)

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WILL PARRY: I want to ask you a few questions on this SEATTLE SIX. I know you gave me most of this stuff before, but I'd like to go over it again for this story. We figured it would be best to let it ride until next week's paper because....

The court costs and fines amounted to \$2600? FBI - SEATTLE
JD: Well \$2590 (or \$2599) to be exact.

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WP: This includes four \$250 fines making \$1,000 and one \$125 fine totaling \$1,125, and the rest was court costs?

JD: That is right—it does not include the defense costs, attorney fees, our own briefs, etc. It includes...prosecution...briefs...witness fees...Our briefs cost \$2,000.

WP: What happens if the people can pay those court costs and fines?

JD: They can serve it out at three dollars per day.

WP: They can serve it out or they must serve it out?

JD: They must serve it out. Mrs. JAMES (FLORENCE BEAN JAMES) costs were in the paper....

WP: This figure \$2590 (or \$2599) includes....

JD: ...not heard....

WP: ...not heard... (noise)

JD: ...the state supreme court used the same language as the bill of rights...it ended up with \$15,000 in obligations....

BERNARD FREYD: So your prize paper came?

WP: Those two women who came in? What's that all about? Did

JD: The woman's husband, SCHAFER, was arrested by Immigration for paying \$20.00 to a woman to come to Seattle as a prostitute from Canada. Immigration picked them up at an airport. The women, one his wife and the other a friend said that he did not give the money to the girl. The one woman said she loaned the money to the girl. Immigration got the girl to lie and say that he gave the money to her. It is just another example of Immigration paying perjurers and criminals to build up their cases....He was a member of the WAITERS (?) UNION...I gave her a list of things to do. I don't know whether she will follow through or not.

WP: Do you have any suggestion for the story?

JD: The important thing is to tie the Supreme Courts.... of the SEATTLE SIX right into the State ~~xxx~~ 379 bill, the MCCARRAN LAW. Another thing—make some kind of statement that someday a legislature will convene in Olympia and restore all of the property which was illegally taken from these people. That is something that should be stated over and over again in the article and almost everything that is written about the SIX at any time in the future. We want to start that working for us right now.

WP: O.K. I see the approach to that—we'll show how much it has cost to date—what was that figure?

JD: It has cost \$15,000 to date.

JD: Are you going to use statements by the people in jail?

WP: I don't know, I'm going to discuss that with some other people.

JD: ...not heard clearly...

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CPUSA, LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES, ISC. DAYLET. SEATTLE POST INTELLIGENCER JUNE EIGHT ADVISED THAT SUPERIOR COURT FOR KING COUNTY, WASH. ON JUNE SEVEN, DEFERRED FINAL ACTION IN CASE OF BURTON WAKELY JAMES FOR NINETY DAYS BECAUSE MEDICAL EXAMINER APPOINTED BY COURT HAD REPORTED THAT COMMITMENT NOW TO SERVE THIRTY DAY JAIL SENTENCE WOULD ENDANGER LIFE OF JAMES. JAMES IS ONE OF QUOTE SEATTLE SIX UNQUOTE WHO REFUSED TO ANSWER BEFORE WASHINGTON STATE COMMITTEE ON UNAMERICAN ACTIVITIES WHETHER OR NOT THEY WERE OR HAD BEEN MEMBERS OF CP. ANOTHER OF SIX NOW SERVING THIRTY DAY SENTENCE IS RACHMIEL FORSCHMIEDT. ACCORDING TO SAME PI ARTICLE THIS SUBJECT ON JUNE SEVEN WAS DISCHARGED FROM EMPLOYMENT AS SANITARIAN BY SEATTLE DEPT. OF PUBLIC HEALTH. ON JUNE EIGHT ADVISED THAT JOHN S. DASCHBACH, STATE DIRECTOR CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS, HAS STATED TOTAL COST OF DEFENDING SEATTLE SIX IS FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS, AND HAS SUGGESTED THE INITIATION OF A CAMPAIGN TO SECURE FROM STATE LEGISLATURE RESTITUTION TO SEATTLE SIX OF PROPERTY ILLEGALLY TAKEN FROM THEM. IT IS SPECULATED THAT DASCHBACH WAS REFERRING TO OCCUPATIONAL LOSSES SUFFERED BY SEATTLE SIX BECAUSE OF STATE COMMITTEE HEARINGS AND THEIR SUBSEQUENT CONVICTIONS AND INCARCERATIONS.

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Judge Refuses Motion To Modify Judgment In Forschmeidt Case

Superior Judge Robert M. Jones refused today to modify a previous judgment fining Rachmiel Forschmeidt, a city sanitarian, \$250 and sentencing him to 30 days in jail.

Forschmeidt and four others were convicted in Superior Court two years ago of refusing to tell a legislative committee investigating un-American activities whether they were or had been members of the Communist Party. The five lost appeals to the United States Supreme Court a few days ago.

C. T. Hatten, Forschmeidt's attorney, had moved for a suspended sentence or a delay to permit Forschmeidt to serve the jail term during his vacation, which begins August 1.

In denying the motion, Judge Jones said:

"I realize there is some authority in the country on the right of a court to modify a judgment prior to execution, but I doubt the solvency of it."

A similar motion in behalf of Albert N. Ottenheimer, another of the defendants, was denied yesterday by Superior Judge Chester A. Bachelor.

Hatten said he had not determined when he will surrender Forschmeidt and Ottenheimer to

the county jail to begin their sentences. Ottenheimer also was fined \$250 and sentenced to serve 30 days.

A third defendant, Dr. Ralph H. Gundlach, who drew a similar fine and jail sentence, surrendered at the county jail yesterday afternoon.

Gundlach, 48, a former University of Washington psychology professor, explained he had not asked leniency on the jail term because Superior Judge William J. Wilkins, in sentencing him, gave him "quite a lecture and told me I was dangerous to be at large."

Gundlach, who returned voluntarily from New York, where he has established a psychotherapy practice, termed himself one of the state's first political prisoners. He still refused to say if he had been a Communist.

The other two defendants are Burton James and his wife, Florence Bean James. She was fined \$125, which she paid yesterday with court costs, and was sentenced to 30 days in jail, suspended.

James, fined \$250 and ordered to serve 30 days in jail, has appealed for leniency. His case will be decided by Presiding Superior Judge Lloyd W. Shorett at 3 o'clock tomorrow.

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Gundlach First Canwell Case Defendant To Be Jailed



RALPH H. GUNDLACH
Professor Enters Jail

—(Post-Intelligencer Photo by Ken Harris.)

Dismissed U. of W. Professor Begins 30-Day Sentence

By Forrest Williams

Ralph H. Gundlach, doctor of philosophy, and dismissed University of Washington professor, surrendered himself at the County Jail Tuesday afternoon and was locked up—first of the Canwell investigation defendants to begin serving his 30-day sentence.

He and Albert N. Ottenheimer, Burton James and Rachmiel Forschmiadt were sentenced and fined \$250 each two years ago for contempt of the State Legislature. They refused to tell its Canwell committee, which investigated un-American activities, whether they were or had been Communists. All recently lost their appeals.

Mrs. Florence Bean James, wife of Burton, paid her fine Tuesday, at about the same time Dr. Gundlach was being booked. It was only \$125, and her 30-day jail term was suspended. But she paid \$890 court costs, or a total of \$1,015. Court costs must be paid by the others also, but Mrs. James met \$331 State Supreme Court costs for all.

ARRIVED BY PLANE—

Dr. Gundlach arrived Friday by Northwest Airlines from New York where he has been practicing psychotherapy. He said he told his patients he will be back July 9. His wife will be waiting for him at their home in New York, he said. He remarked that he expects to be released on Independence Day. He has yet to pay his fine.

"Crossing the country, and watching all those people going about their business at the various stops, it seemed a little ironic that I was flying West to go to jail for 30 days because I refused to tell Albert Canwell my political beliefs," Dr. Gundlach said. "I was born in Kansas City, Mo., 48 years ago; I've been a law abiding citizen all my life, except for a traffic ticket, and it certainly never occurred to me that some day I'd be going to jail."

Asked if he would do the same thing over again, he answered:

"I would, but I'd probably do it better."

Asked again about his political beliefs, he pointed out he was president of the 37th District Democratic Club two years. He was on the University faculty more than 20 years.

After being jailed, he donned dungarees and a T-shirt, his own.

LENIENCY PLEA DENIED—

Meanwhile, Superior Judge Chester A. Batchelor declined Tuesday to suspend the jail sentence and fine imposed on Ottenheimer. He is reported en route here from New York.

A similar request for leniency for Forschmiadt will be heard by Superior Judge Robert M. Jones at 9:30 a. m. this Wednesday.

The leniency request in behalf of Burton James will be acted upon by Presiding Judge Lloyd W. Shorett at 3 p. m. Thursday.

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Judge Refuses Ottenheimer's Leniency Plea

Superior Judge Chester A. Batchelor refused today to alter a 30-day jail terms and \$250 fine imposed against Albert N. Ottenheimer, one of five Canwell-case defendants.

Ottenheimer and the four other defendants have been seeking leniency after losing appeals to the United States Supreme Court. The other defendants are Burton James and his wife, Florence and Rachmiel Forschmiedt.

The five were convicted of contempt of the Legislature for refusing to tell its committee investigating un-American activities several years ago if they were or ever had been members of the Communist Party.

Deputy Prosecutor John L. Vogel said it was not certain when Ottenheimer will begin serving his term in the county jail.

James, Gundlach and Forschmiedt also were sentenced to 30 days in jail and fined \$250 each. Mrs. James was fined \$125 and a 30-day jail sentence was suspended.

Vogel said Forschmiedt's clemency plea will be decided by Superior Judge Robert M. Jones at 9:30 o'clock tomorrow forenoon and that James' plea will be acted on by Presiding Superior Judge Lloyd W. Shorett at 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon.

Arrangements to hear Gundlach's plea will be made with Superior Judge William J. Winkins after Gundlach returns from New York. He was expected back today.

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CANWELL CASE FOUR FACE JAIL

Supreme Court Notice On Appeals Arrives

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Ottenheimer and Dr. Gundlach are working in New York. Their lawyers said they will come here at once if the pleas for suspensions fail, and that all four men will surrender themselves on demand.

Each also has a \$250 fine to

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LEGAL DELAYS BLOCK JAILING

Suspended Sentences Asked For Foursome

Four Canwell case defendants facing jail sentences of 30 days each after losing their final appeals to higher courts were still free Saturday after legal delays postponed their incarceration.

Attorneys C. T. Hatten and John Caughlan are seeking suspended sentences for the four.

They presented a doctor's statement and testimony by Mrs. Florence Bean James that Burton James, one of the four, is seriously ill, under a doctor's care, and physically and emotionally incapable of serving a jail sentence.

EXAMINATION—

At the request of Deputy Prosecutor John Vogel, Superior Judge Lloyd Shorett ordered that James undergo an examination by a court-appointed doctor before he, Shorett, passes on the plea for a suspended sentence. The judge said he would decide the matter at 3 p. m. next Thursday.

Pleas for suspended sentences for the other three will be heard next week for Rachmiel Forshniadt on Monday and for Ralph Gundlach and Albert N. Ottenheimer on Tuesday.

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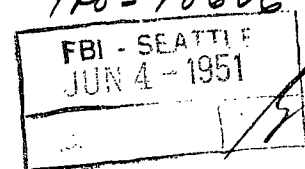
Meanwhile, the Sheriff's office is holding jail commitments for the four. The remittitur from the State Supreme Court rejecting their final appeals arrived in Seattle Friday.

The four, together with Mrs. James, were convicted of contempt of the Washington State Legislature. Mrs. James was given a suspended 30-day sentence and \$125 fine. In addition to being ordered to serve 30 days in jail the other four were fined \$250 each.

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JOHNNY DASCHBACH: You have any cuts on FLO B(EAN JAMES)?

WP: I know we did when she ran for this office or that.

JD: You could do a s tory on it.

HEINIE HUFF: Where are you going now?

JD: Back to my office.

HH: You could see some people about..and try to get the SEATTLE PEACE COMMITTEE and the TACOMA CITIZEN'S AROUSED establishing a relation to each other.

JD: There are a number of people in town related to it.

HH: What is the situation now?

WP: About \$2400?

JD: \$150 in fines and \$1500 in court costs. \$2600 is needed for these people who held the line. Have we got a photographer who can take pictures of these people going to jail? We could use it for promotion purposes.

TERRY: FRED CARTER of CARTER and FORD.

WP: He is at SE 2687.

JD: Did you get a statement from JUDGE TODD?...

TP:....

4:02

PM Unkn: Why don't we check on the AUDITORIUM for the CHAMBER of COMMERCE? See what the dope is there.

TP: Your church is the METHODIST? ~~Heinz~~ Episcopal?

Unkn: Methodist.

TP: What does your church seat?

Unkn: I don't know.

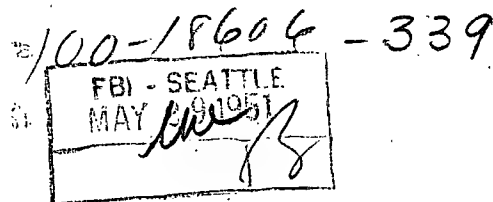
TP: 4-500? Unkn: Yeah. How is TOLLIVER (REV.)? Is he pretty considerate?

Unkn: Yes he is. It could be made available. Get ahold of LENZIE (SHELIHAN) or CHARLIE (NICHOLS) and let them propose this if nothing else..

(Unkn complains of the hour of the meeting as working men have a difficult time making them).

TP to VAN: The NAACP will sponsor a reception for DUBOIS.

WILLARD is all for it. (The place of BROTHER RALPH J. SAUNDERS is mentioned, in the old Moore theater location, but the connection is unclear).



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ON MAY TWENTY

SIX ADVISED AS FOLLOWS: ITEM ONE: JOHN S. DASCHBACH, STATE DIRECTOR
CRC, HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN DIRECTING LEGAL STRATEGY OF FIVE PERSONS
CONVICTED OF CONTEMPT AS RESULT OF THEIR REFUSAL BEFORE STATE
UNAMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE TO ANSWER WHETHER THEY WERE OR EVER
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ITEM TWO: DASCHBACH RELATED THAT HE AND OTHERS WERE TELEPHONING
SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE TODD AT SEATTLE IN DEROGATORY AND INSULTING MANNER
BECAUSE OF TODD'S ACTION IN GRANTING DIVORCE ON GROUNDS THAT DEFENDANT
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LAST WEEK REVERSED TODD'S DECISION. DASCHBACH STATED HE WOULD ASK
TODD ON TELEPHONE IF HE WERE AS INCOMPETENT AS SUPREME COURT HAD
MADE HIM OUT.

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cc: Canwell Committee
Margaret Donaldson
Domestic Administrative Issues

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J.P. James T. Daly

8:30 AM

JOHN DASCHBACH arrives.

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BERNARD FREYD arrives, little conversation.

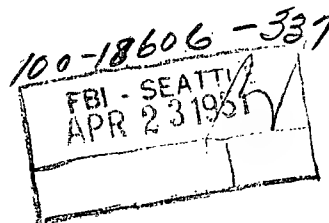
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JD: A minister said he sent a copy of that leaflet with FLORENCE'S (BEAN JAMES) picture on it to the JUDGE, McDONALD and said it was one of the most disturbing pieces of literature he had ever seen. If this is true, McDONALD or the other person should be punished. JOHN (CAUGHLAN) and BARRY (HATTEN) knew about it. There was a copy of it in the court's file, received such and such a day. All the judges saw it. (JUDGE) HILL wrote on it: Deeply impressed. It is obvious that the CANWELL COMMITTEE... implication on the spot..The way they test the legality is to have someone convicted, say for murder, they then decide if it legal or not.

JD: MacARTHUR says: Old soldiers never die. No. Just young ones.

BERNARD: When he gets old he knows how to avoid getting killed. He knows the ropes.

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Canwell victim to renew appeal to high court

SEATTLE, April 19—A rehearing in the case of Burton James, one of the Seattle Six Canwell committee victims, will be sought before the U.S. Supreme Court, it was announced this week.

Application for a rehearing, however, will hinge on whether the state supreme court will stay prison sentences and fines levied against James and four others, convicted of contempt in 1949 in King county superior court.

Atty. John Caughlan said he would seek the stay this week, and a hearing immediately if the stay is granted.

Caughlan made the announcement after the U. S. high court refused to review the state supreme court ruling that a state legislature committee may compel witnesses to discuss Communist party affiliation.

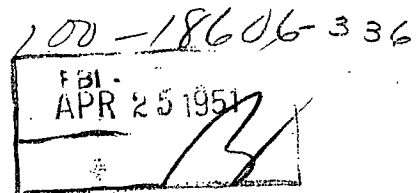
Justices Black, Reed and Douglas said they thought the court should have listened to an appeal in the James case. But they joined in a unanimous refusal to hear another appeal filed by Mrs.

Florence Bean James and Rachmiel Forschmeidt, two other Seattle Six victims.

Mr. and Mrs. James are co-directors of the Seattle Repertory Playhouse. Forschmeidt is a city sanitarian. Also convicted of contempt were Albert Ottenheimer, actor, and Dr. Ralph Gundlach, former University of Washington professor.

Dr. Herbert J. Phillips, well-known Communist educator and the sixth to face charges, was acquitted.

James' case is a test challenge of the notorious and now defunct Canwell committee's authority to probe into beliefs. In essence, whether the five will face fines and jail sentences hinges on the outcome of that case.



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Stay of Execution Given 5 Witnesses Guilty of Contempt

The State Supreme Court yesterday granted a 15-day stay of execution to permit five Seattle residents to petition the United States Supreme Court for a rehearing of their conviction of contempt of the Washington Legislature.

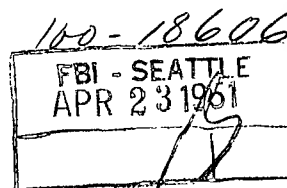
The defendants are Burton James, Ralph Gundlach, Rachmiel Forschmiedt, Albert Ottenheimer and Florence Bean James.

The defendants were fined and given 30-day jail sentences on conviction by the King County Superior Court of refusing to tell a committee of the 1947-49 Legislature whether they were or had been members of the Communist Party.

Mrs. James' jail sentence was suspended. She was fined \$125. The others were fined \$250.

Earlier, the United States Supreme Court allowed the conviction to stand by refusing to review James' case and rejecting appeals by Mrs. James and Forschmiedt.

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Canwell victim appeal rejected

WASHINGTON, April 16—A ruling by the Washington state supreme court that a state legislative committee may compel witnesses to answer questions about Communist affiliations was in effect upheld today by the U.S. Supreme Court.

The high court refused to disturb such a ruling in the case of Burton James of Seattle, who was convicted in 1949 for contempt for refusing to tell the Washington State un-American Activities (Canwell) Committee whether he had ever been a Communist party member.

James contended the committee was inquiring into federal crimes and demanded his constitutional right to avoid self-damaging testimony. He cited the recent Supreme Court decision excusing grand jury witnesses from answering questions that might land them in jail.

But the state said the constitutional guarantee applies only in federal trials. The Washington supreme court ruled that James' answer could not have damaged him since the state has no anti-Communist laws.

(The state has since passed such a law.)

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CANWELL CASE 5 GIVEN STAY

Group To Ask Rehearing By U. S. High Court

A 15-day stay of execution was granted all five defendants in the Canwell case Thursday by the State Supreme Court.

Their attorneys, C. T. Hatten and John Caughlan, obtained the stay of execution to permit filing of a petition with the United States Supreme Court for a rehearing of the cases.

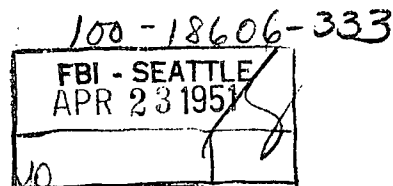
All five were convicted on contempt of the State Legislature for refusing to tell the Legislature's Un-American Activities Investigating Committee whether or not they were, or ever had been, members of the Communist Party.

Four, Burton James, Ralph Gundlach, Rachmiel Forschmiedt and Albert Ottenheimer, were sentenced to 30 days in jail and fined \$250. The fifth, Mrs. Florence Bean James, was fined \$125 and given a suspended jail sentence.

After the State Supreme Court upheld their convictions, the U. S. Supreme Court allowed the convictions to stand by refusing to review the cases of three who appealed. The high court Monday ruled 6-3 against reviewing James' case, and rejected unanimously the appeals of Mrs. James and Forschmiedt.

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TO : SEATTLE FILE

DATE: March 16, 1951

FROM : SAC, SEATTLE

SUBJECT: WASHINGTON STATE UNAMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE ✓

On 3/15/51, Representative RASMUSSEN called me from Olympia. He said he was the Chairman of a committee that was considering a joint resolution to re-establish an un-American investigating committee on behalf of the Washington legislature. Representative RASMUSSEN explained that this would be similar to the Canwell Un-American Activities Committee but that it was hoped the new committee would be more objective and not so prone to seek the headlines. He asked me if, from the FBI's standpoint, such a committee would be a good thing.

I was very careful not to give Representative RASMUSSEN a clear-cut answer to his question. I explained to him that there would be considerable expressions of opinion as to whether it would help or would hinder the FBI's activities, and that the FBI and Mr. HOOVER had always taken the position that it was not our function to suggest our choice for or against legislation . . . that the elected representatives of the people should decide what was needed. I advised Representative RASMUSSEN, however, that before a Committee of Congress Mr. HOOVER had testified that in his opinion the Communist Party should not be outlawed, and one of the reasons he advanced was that it would drive the Communist Party farther underground. Representative RASMUSSEN stated that he had heard it stated by several people at Olympia that the FBI was in favor of such a committee being established in this state and that it would be of assistance to the FBI. I advised Representative RASMUSSEN that no expression of opinion one way or another had been made by the FBI and again pointed out to him that we did not inject ourselves into legislative matters. I suggested that the only person whom I knew he might contact who could give him an answer to his question would be the Attorney General . . . that one of his functions was to suggest legislation to the Congress of the United States and that the Attorney General might be in a position to furnish him with his views. Representative RASMUSSEN assured me that our conversation had been off the record and at the conclusion of our conversation he said that if such a committee were established in this state we could either give him credit for it or blame him for it, as he was in a position to either bury it in committee or recommend its passage. He said he would use his own judgment on the matter but thought that he should first check with the FBI. He said he believed and understood that the FBI was doing a good job, and he was interested in knowing whether such a committee could be of assistance to us.

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Canwell Sees Aid for Reds In New Bill

OLYMPIA, Feb. 14. — (AP)—The chairman of the 1947-49 committee of the Legislature that investigated un-American activities believes suspected Communists should be denied the right of cross-examination.

Former Representative Albert F. Canwell, of Spokane, yesterday criticized the cross-examination provision in a bill before the Legislature to create a new un-American activities committee.

Canwell said there is great need for such a committee, but he added:

"Anyone is hopelessly naive to believe that suspected Communists under investigation should have the right of cross-examination..."

"What they want is only a propaganda forum for the Communist Party," Canwell said, "and this bill will aid the Communists in their delaying tactics."

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Legislative Group O.K.s Subversive Probe Committee

Unanimous Approval

OLYMPIA, Feb. 8.—(AP)

—A House committee tonight unanimously approved a measure to reestablish a legislative committee to investigate unAmerican activities.

The committee action came in a brief executive session follow-

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ing a vociferous and sometimes stormy hearing on the bill.

Several opponents to the measure voiced their objections to the measure and to other persons opposing it.

Committee members ignored repeated demands of opponents of the measure for further hearings.

Objectors included representatives of the American Civil Liberties Union, the Civil Rights Congress and the Progressive Party.

Officials of several veterans' organizations led the plea for the bill.

Irving Clark Sr., one-time special assistant to the U. S. attorney general and representative of the American Civil Liberties Union, told the committee he thought the proposed measure had inadequate safeguards.

He said:

"I want it clearly understood that I am not joining with the Civil Rights Congress in this plea. I dissociate myself completely from the congress. I have long felt that the persons in some organizations believe only in civil rights for themselves and have as their only purpose the frustration of the democratic processes."

ASKS DELAY

A Civil Rights Congress spokesman, John S. Daschbach of Seattle, requested in heated remarks that the meeting be delayed until some time when a larger hall and more time could be allotted those interested in discussing the measure. His request was ignored.

Thomas C. Rabbitt, executive secretary of the Progressive Party, opposed the measure. He put himself in the hypothetical position of being a person who has been asked by the committee whether or not he is a Communist.

"No matter what I say," Rabbitt said, "I am subject to prosecution. If I deny that I am a Communist, I will be charged with lying and perjurers will be obtained to say that I am a Communist."

"If I say I am a Communist, I can be prosecuted under the Smith Act (a federal law). If I refuse to answer, I can be prosecuted for contempt and the same perjurers will be brought into court to testify against me."

ORAL DUELS

The committee chairman, William Carty, Ridgefield Democrat, frequently engaged in oral duels with Rabbitt throughout the hearing. Rabbitt exceeded his time limit by five minutes.

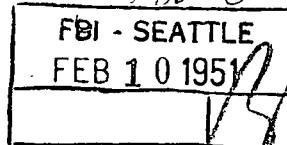
William J. Pennock, president of the Washington Pension Union, also appeared to object to the bill but Carty ruled that the time was up.

The committee voted to cut the appropriation in the bill from \$150,000 to \$100,000 and sent the measure to the appropriations committee for further action.

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CANWELL HITS BILL PROVISIONS

Red Probe Measure Poorly Written, Charge

By Post-Intelligencer Staff Correspondent
OLYMPIA, Feb. 13.—Albert F. Canwell, Spokane, chairman of the 1947-49 Un-American Activities Committee, today charged a bill before this legislature to create a similar body has serious defects.

In Olympia today, Canwell asserted there is an urgent need now for an effective state committee to investigate subversive activities, but he took sharp issue with the provisions of H.B. 305, now before the House Appropriations Committee.

Canwell was particularly critical of the so-called "civil rights" provisions in the pending bill.

RIDICULOUS—

"When our boys are being shot down by Communists in Korea why should anyone worry about the civil rights of Communists in this country?" asked Canwell. "It is utterly ridiculous to talk about such rights for them."

He cited the long-drawn-out trial of 11 Communists in New York, where he maintained the Communists made a farce out of legal processes for 39 weeks.

"This should be warning to us," Canwell declared. "The Communists have boasted they will use the parliaments of the world to foment revolution, and now by legislative act we propose to finance them."

Canwell contended the \$100,000 appropriation in the amended bill would be required to publish the statements and testimony of Communists under investigation if the proposed bill becomes law as it is now written.

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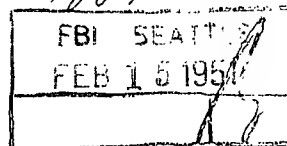
"Anyone is hopelessly naive to believe that suspected Communists under investigation should have the right of cross-examination or be accorded the privilege of putting their statements in the official record of a hearing," he continued.

"Such a committee is not a court nor are those investigated on trial. What the Communists want is a propaganda forum for their party, and this bill will aid the Communists in their delaying tactics."

Canwell said his only interest "is to give the Communists a bad time, and you can't do it with this bill."

"My only regret as chairman of the Un-American Activities Committee is that I was too easy," said the former Spokane representative. "I learned that the Communists have only one allegiance, and that is to Stalin's government."

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Transmitted herewith is a copy of House Bill No. 305, which is currently before the Legislature of the State of Washington now in session at Olympia, Washington. The Bill has already been reported out of the committee of the Lower House and there appears to be every reason to believe that the Bill will be passed without substantial opposition.

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Public hearings demanded on witchhunt bill

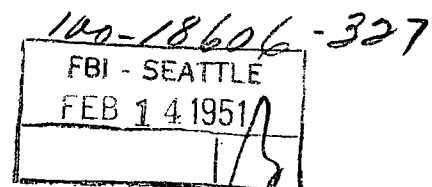
SEATTLE, Feb. 8—A demand that public hearings be held on H.B. 305, which would reestablish the "Canwell" witchhunt committee, ~~has~~ been made on Speaker Charles Hodde by the Civil Rights Congress:

John Daschbach issued a statement warning against the measure and urging organizations and individuals to demand a public hearing. The measure was introduced by Reps. George Adams and Grant Sisson. It carries a \$150,000 appropriation and an emergency clause. The latter is obviously designed to prevent a referendum.

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Un-American Probe Gets 'Do-Pass' Stamp

By HERB ROBINSON
Times Staff Correspondent
OLYMPIA, Feb. 9.—A bill creating a new state un-American-activities investigating committee had cleared its first barrier today.

The measure, which would establish a group similar to the former Canwell committee, was given a unanimous do-pass recommendation by the House State Government Committee after a hearing late yesterday.

In an occasionally harsh session, the committee ignored the request of John S. Daschbach, director of the Washington Civil Rights Congress, another public hearing.

Veterans' groups have endorsed the bill. Proponents said it deserves commendation because it contains safeguards such as the right of cross-examination and the right to summon defense witnesses.

Those procedures were not permitted under rules of the previous un-American-activities group, headed by Albert F. Canwell, Spokane.

Opponents included representatives of the American Civil Liberties Union. Irving Clark, Sr., Bellevue, representing the group, said he disassociated his organization from the Civil Rights Congress.

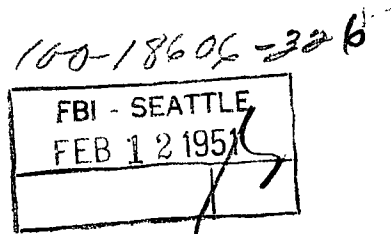
"They are not interested in civil rights for anyone except themselves," said Clark, "and their only purpose in being here is to frustrate the democratic processes."

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New Bill Would Set Up Red Investigation

By United Press.

OLYMPIA, Feb. 1.—Legislation setting up a committee to investigate Communist activities was introduced in the House today.

The measure was patterned after the resolution adopted by the 1947 Legislature, which established the controversial Canwell Committee. The new proposal, however, is a bill. If passed, it would become a state law.

The measure was prepared by Representatives Grant Sisson, Republican, Mount Vernon, and George N. Adams, Democrat, Shelton.

The bill would require a seven-man committee to investigate individuals or organizations who "are Communists or whose activities are such to indicate a purpose . . . to undermine the stability of our American institutions and form of government by force or violence or by conspiracy . . ."

The main difference between the new proposal and the Canwell resolution is that persons under investigation would be given the rights of representation at hearings, and permission to call witnesses in their behalf.

Witnesses would not be excused from testifying on grounds testimony might incriminate them. Persons refusing to co-operate would be charged with contempt and would face fines up to \$5,000 or a year in jail.

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\$150,000 Appropriation Asked For Committee

By Post-Intelligencer Staff Correspondent

OLYMPIA, Jan. 31. — Under terms of a bill dropped in the House hopper tonight a legislative fact-finding committee on unAmerican or subversive activities would be created, consisting of three members of the Senate and four members of the House.

The Senate members would be appointed by Lt. Gov. Victor A. Meyers, president of the Senate. Speaker Charles W. Hodde would name the House members and the committee would select its own chairman.

Not only would the committee have most of the powers exercised by the former Canwell committee but it also would have an appropriation of \$150,000 if the legislature approves this new Adams-Sisson bill.

ELIMINATED—

Some of the controversial features of the resolution which created the Canwell committee have been eliminated. Witnesses called by the committee to testify could be represented by counsel and would have the right of cross examination.

The bill also provides that any person who believes he has been damaged by testimony before the committee could appear before that body to testify in his own behalf. He also could cross examine the witnesses whose testimony adversely affected him.

The committee would have the power to summon and subpoena witnesses, as did the Canwell Committee, and to cooperate with law enforcement agencies in its investigations.

MISDEMEANOR—

Under the terms of the bill any person who defied the orders of the committee or refused to testify or answer proper questions could be deemed guilty of a gross misdemeanor and subjected to a fine not to exceed \$5,000 and imprisoned for one year.

The measure also provided that all records, files and reports of the Canwell Committee should be turned over to the new committee.

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BILL FOR PROBE OF REDS GETS 'GREEN LIGHT'

Measure In House Given Bipartisan Support

By Stub Nelson

Post-Intelligencer Staff Correspondent

OLYMPIA, Jan. 31. — Already assured of strong support, the anticipated bill reestablishing an effective legislative committee to inves-

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tigate un-American and subversive activities finally emerged tonight.

Surprisingly, it was dropped into the House hopper with bipartisan sponsors.

Most dopesters had figured it would come out on the Senate side, with Republicans carrying the ball.

Reps. Grant Sisson, Mount Vernon Republican who was a member of the former so-called Canwell Committee, and George N. Adams, Shelton Democrat who is floor leader for the House majority, put their names on the bill.

'GREEN LIGHT'—

It also was reported that the House head man, Speaker Charles W. Hodde, Colville Democrat, has agreed to give it the "green light."

This, observers said, unquestionably put the measure off to a good start. If it clears the House, it is conceded the measure will enjoy fairly smooth sailing in the Senate.

It is apparent that the thinking of the legislators—now that aggressors are on the march and all-out war a threat—has changed in the past two years.

In the 1949 session, the Republican Senate and the Democratic House quarreled over a measure that would, in effect, come close to continuing the Canwell Committee that uncovered "Reds" and subversives in many walks of the state's life.

UNCOVERED—

Subversives at the University of Washington, in unions and in the Washington Pension Union were uncovered.

In the 1949 controversy Republicans claimed that their bill had the necessary "teeth" and that the Democratic proposal was a "watered down" compromise.

Democrats never were happy over the procedure of the Republican-dominated Canwell Committee, claiming that it used unfair tactics.

The fight ended in a stalemate—with no bill passed. And so investigation of subversives by state lawmakers virtually stopped.

It is true that the 1949 Senate set up a one chamber investigating committee—but it was fundless and powerless and could do nothing.

CONTAINS TEETH—

The new bill, it is claimed, would reestablish a committee with "real" powers.

A perusal reveals that it contains the "teeth" of the former measure which gave extensive powers to the Canwell Committee.

The chief difference applies to those who might be "named" or "called" before the committee. It would give these persons a better chance to protest any charges which might be leveled against them.

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2 Bills Aimed At Curbing Subversives

OLYMPIA, Jan. 25.—(P)—Two measures, aimed at subversives and un-American activities were in the mill of the State Legislature today.

One of them, scheduled for introduction in the Senate, would create a committee similar to the 1947 Legislature's interim committee, which investigated un-American activities in the state. It was headed by former State Representative Albert F. Canwell, Spokane Republican.

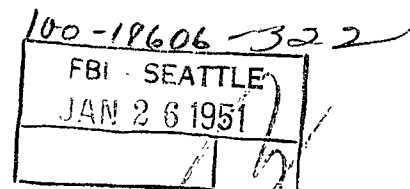
The other measure, proposed by State Auditor Cliff Yelle, would provide that any person drawing salary or wages from any state fund would have to sign an affidavit that he is not a member of an organization that advocates the overthrow of the government by force.

Such an affidavit is required now by any person drawing salary or wages from money appropriated by the main appropriations bill. It is not required, however, by those who draw salary or wages from appropriations authorized in other bills, such as the highway appropriations bill, the supplemental appropriation bill and various bills which carry their own appropriations.

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NEW REVIEW SOUGHT BY CANWELL VICTIMS

SEATTLE, Jan. 4—A U.S. Supreme Court review of the cases of three of the five Seattle victims of Canwell un-American committee contempt sentences was sought this week.

The request for review of a recent state supreme court decision upholding superior court convictions was made in petitions for Burton James, Repertory Playhouse director; Mrs. Florence Bean James, also a Repertory director, and Rachmiel Forschmeidt, city sanitation.

The high court's decision in the Forschmeidt case will probably govern the outcome in the cases

of Dr. Ralph Gundlach, former University of Washington psychology professor, and Albert Ottenheimer, actor and playwright.

All five were convicted in King county superior court of contempt of the Canwell committee when they refused to disclose their political beliefs.

The U.S. Supreme Court is not expected to decide whether to review the case before March 15, attorneys here said.

In seeking high court review, the petitioners contend they were denied due process under the state and Federal constitutions on these grounds:

- The Canwell Committee sought by its contempt powers to coerce an answer to a question which might tend to incriminate them. It refused to recognize their claims of the constitutional privilege not to reply.

- The statute under which they were convicted is unconstitutional, since it grants a state committee authority to investigate alleged offenses against Federal law.

Representing the Canwell victims are attorneys C. T. Hatlen and John Caughlan, Seattle, and Joseph Forer and David Rein, Washington, D.C.

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TO : SAC, Seattle

FROM : SA, JOHN R. BRECKENRIDGE

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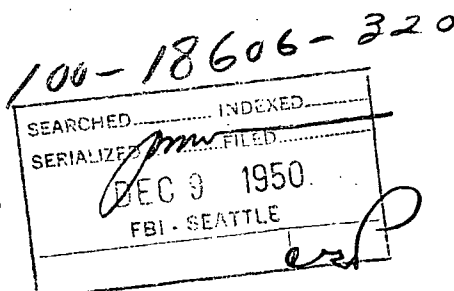
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On December 6, 1950, [redacted]
[redacted] (his name must be protected by symbol), contacted the
writer.

[redacted] stated that he learned from ALBERT CANWELL, former executive with the above-captioned committee, that one HAROLD G. KIMBALL, currently publishing the Ballard News, is now the chairman of the defunct Washington Un-American Activities Committee. [redacted] stated that KIMBALL is currently making inquiries in the Seattle area concerning Communist activities and in all probability will present his findings to the Legislature in Olympia in January. [redacted] stated that the purpose of his call to the writer was that he had learned from CANWELL that HAROLD KIMBALL is not to be trusted and very recently was known to be active with the United World Federalists.

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Canwell Inquiry Subject of Book By M'Williams

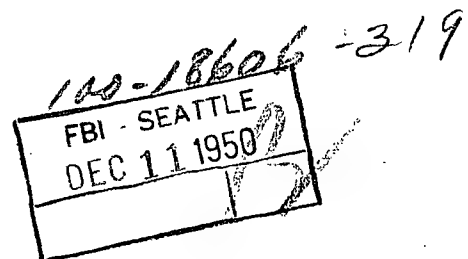
THE Canwell Committee investigation of University of Washington professors accused of having been members of the Communist Party gave Carey McWilliams, Los Angeles writer and attorney, inspiration for his book, "Witch Hunt, the Revival of Heresy," published by Little, Brown & Co.

McWilliams says "a fear of Canwell, not of Communism, set the inquisitorial processes in motion."

The author long has been interested in problems of minority racial groups, labor and agriculture. He lectured here several times, appearing at a meeting in 1949 when three of the University professors mentioned in his new volume were seeking reinstatement.

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Legion Asks New Committee On Unamerican Activities

Reestablishment of the committee to investigate unAmerican activities will be asked of the 1951 state legislature by the American Legion, it was announced Monday.

The last full-fledged committee investigating subversive groups and individuals under the chairmanship of former Rep. Albert Canwell, Spokane Republican, during the 1947-49 biennium. It exposed numerous Communist activities in this state.

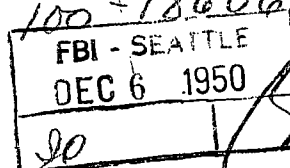
In 1949, the Republican Senate and the Democratic House could not agree on legislation to con-

tinue the committee. The Republican Senate, however, established a one-house committee in 1949, but no hearings have been held in the present biennium.

Watt Fallis, Seattle, state Legion commander, said the committee is necessary because this nation actually is at war now with the forces of Communism.

Fallis said the Legion's request will be incorporated with those of other veterans organizations to present a "united front" to the legislature. Officials of veterans groups met recently in executive

session of the Commanders and Adjutants Association and approved the Legion proposal, Watts declared.



Legion to Ask Reactivation Of Red-Probe Unit

Reactivation of the state Un-American Activities Committee will be asked of the 1951 Legislature by the American Legion, it was announced today.

"We are at war right now, with the forces of communism throughout the world," said Watt Fallis of Seattle, state Legion commander. "We must find out who our enemies are on the home front. They have infiltrated our every organization from government to private industry. They must be found out before their work of destruction imperils us even more."

"This committee, like its counterpart in Congress, must continue its vigilance."

Six other veterans' organizations will support the Legion proposal, Fallis said. This was agreed upon at a recent meeting of the Commanders and Adjutants' Association, made up of the commanders and adjutants of the Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Disabled American Veterans, the AmVets, the Marine Corps League, the Military Order of World Wars and the United Spanish War Veterans.

This group will meet tomorrow night in the American Legion Hall, 620 University St., to discuss legislative proposals to be made to Congress.

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'THE INFORMER' TO BE SHOWN AS BENEFIT

SEATTLE, Nov. 16—A benefit performance of Liam O'Flaherty's "The Informer" will be presented at 8 p. m., Sunday, Nov. 26 at the Repertory Playhouse, 4045 University way, it was announced this week.

The play is being given to raise critically needed funds for the U. S. Supreme Court appeal of the Seattle Six victims of the Canwell Committee.

"Burton James, Rachmiel Forschmiedt, Ralph Gundlach and Albert Ottenheimer must start serving their sentences Jan. 1 unless funds for the appeal are forthcoming," the sponsoring committee pointed out. These four and Mrs. Florence Bean James were convicted by stacked juries in King county superior courts last year.

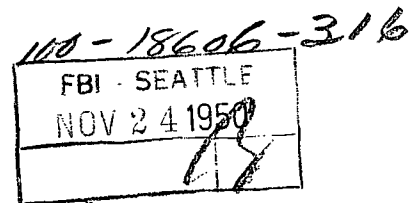
Reservations for tickets to "The Informer," at \$1.25 each, may be made at MEIrose.7700.

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County clerk questioned in stacked jury probe

SEATTLE, Oct. 19—Intensive questioning of County Clerk Norman Riddell on jury selection methods in King county was under way this week. Meanwhile the state supreme court refused to reconsider the appeals of five of the Seattle Six, thereby ducking the charge that stacked juries convicted the five.

Attorneys for the five had already taken a partial deposition from Riddell and were continuing this week to probe into the question of how large numbers of jury district misdesignations occurred in 1948.

These misdesignations loaded jury boxes with persons from Jury District 3, a largely silk stocking area where few working people and almost no Negroes live.

Taking of the deposition from

Riddell was in connection with a \$126,000 suit brought against him in federal court here.

The five convicted for their refusal to answer questions of the Canwell committee seek damages charging Riddell is responsible for criminal manipulation of the convicting juries.

The five are Burton and Florence Bean James, co-directors of the Repertory Playhouse; Rachmiel Forschmiedt, Seattle city sanitarian; Albert Ottenheimer, actor, and Dr. Ralph Gundlach, former University of Washington teacher.

It was disclosed King County Prosecutor Charles O. Carroll has declined to defend Riddell in his federal court damage suit. Carroll has also refused to prosecute Riddell for the irregularities in jury selection methods.

Riddell has until Oct. 31 to answer the federal court complaint.

Attorneys John Caughlan and C. T. Hatten described Riddell as an "evasive" witness in giving his deposition.

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TO : SAC, SEATTLE

FROM : SA DANIEL CURRIE, JR.

SUBJECT: STATE OF WASHINGTON JOINT LEGISLATIVE
COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES

DATE: October 17, 1950

During the investigation of the applicant case on WILLIAM JOHN HOUSTON, former chief investigator for the captioned Committee, I had occasion to contact FRED NIENDORFF, feature writer for the Seattle Post-Intelligencer. NIENDORFF advised by way of background in connection with his evaluation of HOUSTON that he, NIENDORFF, on behalf of the Seattle Post-Intelligencer was instrumental in the creation of the captioned Committee. NIENDORFF related that he had had considerable to do with the selection of the chairman and with obtaining funds at the legislature.

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With respect to the Committee, during the investigation it was learned that the hearings generally were in two phases - one on the Washington Pension Union and the other, educational phase directed principally at University of Washington professors. This latter phase went bad when MELVIN RADAR was brought in as one of the principals. According to NIENDORFF, RADAR has been active in front groups and it was not intended that he be brought into the hearings as a principal but that he be merely required to be present. In connection with the so-called education hearing, the chief investigator HOUSTON proceeded East and obtain certain witnesses who were to discuss Communism from its national aspects. One witness, a colored individual by the name of HEWITT, identified RADAR as one of his students at a Communist school in New York. RADAR was proceeded against on the basis of this identification and according to one of the employees of the Committee "licked the pants off of HOUSTON." NIENDORFF noted that a rival paper had taken up the cause of RADAR and established that he not only did not attend the school at the time indicated but served to clear him of all his past connections with front groups.

Senator HAROLD G. KIMBALL, publisher of the Ballard News, 5410 Ballard Avenue, telephone Dexter 0020, a member of the captioned Committee, related that the witnesses to discuss the national aspects of Communism were

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KIMBALL stated that from this incident he is confident in his own mind that HEWITT knew RADAR.

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5 Canwell Probe Verdicts Upheld

OLYMPIA, Oct. 11.—(AP)—The State Supreme Court refused today to reconsider its decision upholding the conviction of five Seattle persons on charges of contempt of the State Legislature.

The five are, Burton James, Ralph Gundlach, Rachmiel Forschmiedt, Albert Ottenheimer and Florence Bean James.

They were convicted in King County Superior Court of refusing to tell the 1947-49 State Legislative Interim Committee on Un-American Activities whether they were or had been members of the Communist Party.

They appealed, but last August the high court upheld the conviction of James 9 to 0 and dismissed the appeals of the others.

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Jury stacking charges taken to U.S. court

SEATTLE, Sept. 14—Charges that King County Clerk Norman R. Riddell and unknown aides deliberately and criminally loaded superior court jury panels were leveled in a damage suit filed in U. S. district court here by five citizens who declare they were victims of the stacked jury system.

The five were convicted of contempt of the defunct Canwell state un-American committee in a series of 1949 trials. The convictions were upheld by the state supreme court, but a petition for a rehearing is now before that body.

Attorneys for the five filed the federal court damage suit after exhausting all methods of redress within the state.

CHARGES IGNORED

Counsel for Mrs. Florence Bean James, co-director of the Seattle Repertory Playhouse and one of the five victims, first challenged the jury selection methods in King county in June, 1949.

Since the evidence of jury tampering by Riddell and unknown assistants was first uncovered, the matter has been brought to the attention of the entire King county superior court bench and Prosecuting Attorney Charles O. Carroll.

None of the judges nor Carroll ever acted.

The state high court also refused to stay the Florence James trial when confronted with the jury-packing data, and again ignored the serious charges when they were raised in the appeal by all five Canwell victims.

The federal court action asks \$21,750 damages each for Burton K. James, also a Repertory co-director; Dr. Ralph Gundlach, ousted former University of Washington psychology professor; Albert Ottenheimer, actor and former manager of the Repertory Theater, and Rachmiel Ferschmeidt, senior city sanitation.

Mrs. James is seeking \$39,000 damages.

CONSPIRACY DETAILED

All cite substantial expense involved in defending themselves in an allegedly illegal and void proceeding, the cost of appeals, and extensive damages to "business property and reputation" by reason of conviction by the stacked juries.

Spelled out in the federal court complaint is the manner in which Riddell and others in his office whose identity is not yet known, assertedly conspired to deprive the well-known Seattle citizens of "trial by jury in accordance with due process of law."

The detailed story has been suppressed by the commercial press, but several times presented to readers of The People's World Northwest edition.

Here again is the step-by-step process by which Riddell and his aides effectively denied a fair jury trial to the Seattle Six:

1—King county by law is divided into six jury districts. Three superior court judges selected for 1948-49 some 14,500 names of prospective qualified jurors from the voting registration list.

It then became Riddell's duty to prepare slips of paper with these 14,500 names on them, and to deposit these slips in six separate boxes, representing the six jury districts, the names being divided according to the jury district in which the prospective jurors have their voting residence.

2—Riddell and two assistants identified only as John Does "wilfully altered the jury district number designation of prospective jurors of jury district No. 3 so that third district jurors' tickets were placed in jury boxes No. 1 and No. 2," the complaint charges.

WEALTHY PREFERRED

3—When Riddell drew the panel for the jury to try the Seattle Six cases, taking one name from each box in rotation, the draw from jury boxes No. 1 and No. 2 yielded a high proportion of jurors who actually resided in jury district No. 3. When these names were added to the jurors drawn out of box No. 3, all of whom actually did reside in jury district No. 3, the panel had clearly been loaded with persons residing in that area.

4—The significance of the misdesignations is that it stacks jury panels with a disproportionate number of wealthy and conservative people. Jury district No. 3 includes the 32nd and 43rd legislative districts, both traditionally and heavily Republican in political complexion.

Not only would such stacking deny the Seattle Six a fair trial,

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it, would also rob any working man or woman, any Negro or Jew, of justice under the law.

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The federal court complaint charges Riddell and others conspired intentionally to alter the jury district designations of persons residing in the third district to obtain jurors who because of their political bias would be almost certain to convict persons of the known progressive views held by the Seattle Six.

Citing the refusal of county or state judiciary to investigate the jury-stacking system, the complaint states:

"By reason of the above acts and omissions by officers and judges of the state of Washington, said state has acquiesced, approved and adopted the discriminatory and unlawful acts of the defendants as the official acts of the state."

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TO : SAC, SEATTLE

DATE:

FROM : SA EMORY E. BUNDY

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SUBJECT: WASHINGTON STATE UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE
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Information was received on 7/17/ 50 that JOHN CAUGHLAN, Seattle Attorney frequently retained by the Communist Party to handle litigation on its behalf, was concerned with the wording of a press release to be made following the anticipated decision of the State Supreme Court sustaining the convictions of contempt against certain of the witnesses before the CANWELL COMMITTEE who refused to answer questions regarding their affiliations with the Communist Party. It was CAUGHLAN'S suggestion that the statement be phrased to show that the CANWELL COMMITTEE had been rejected by the people at the polls and that the majority opinion of the court sought to salvage the committee.

It was also learned that JOHN DASCHBACH, State Director of the CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS, Seattle, received a telegram from SENATOR WARREN G. MAGNUSON in which he stated that the Attorney General had advised MAGNUSON that he would depend upon an FBI report in determining whether or not the bond of (HARRY) BRIDGES would be revoked.

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COURT UPHOLDS CONVICTIONS IN CANWELL CASES

Five Seattleites Lose In Contempt Appeals

OLYMPIA, Aug. 1.—(AP.) The state supreme court today upheld the conviction of five Seattle persons convicted of contempt of the state legislature.

The five are Burton James, Ralph Gundlach, Rachmiel Forchmiedt, Albert Ottenheimer and Florence Bean James.

They were convicted in King County of refusing to tell the 1947-49 Washington state legislative interim committee on un-American activities whether they were or had been members of the Communist Party.

9-0 RULING—

The high court upheld the conviction of James in a 9-0 decision.

In a companion decision in which no vote was recorded, it dismissed the appeals of the other four from their convictions in superior court. The dismissal means their convictions stand.

The high court held that the quartet had failed to file the required statement of facts of the lower court cases within the statutory time.

The decision in the James case was written by Justice Walter B. Beals.

Chief Justice George B. Simpson, Justices John S. Robinson, Thomas E. Grady, Charles T. Donworth and Frederick Hamley concurred in his opinion. Justices E. W. Schwellenbach and Matthew W. Hill wrote separate concurring opinions with Justice Mallory concurring with Hill.

WITHOUT MERIT—

Beals said that James' contention that his right of free speech was restricted "is without merit."

"Assuming, without deciding, that the form in which James undertook to claim his constitutional privilege in refusing to answer the question . . . was sufficient," Judge Beals said, "we find in the record no basis for holding that an answer to the question . . . might have incriminated him."

The question was: "Are you or have you ever been a member of the Communist Party?" The legislative committee was headed by Former State Rep. Albert Canwell, Spokane Republican.

"James was asked a question which was relevant to the investigation being made by the committee," Judge Schwellenbach said. "He refused to answer and did not invoke the constitutional privilege against self-incrimination. His refusal to answer constituted contempt."

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5 To Appeal Canwell Rulings To High Court

Five persons convicted of contempt of the state legislative un-American activities committee said in a joint statement Tuesday they will carry their case to the United States Supreme Court.

The superior court convictions of all were upheld Tuesday by the state supreme court.

Four of them had been sentenced to a fine of \$250 and 30 days in the county jail. They are Rachmiel Forschmiedt, senior city sanitarian; Ralph H. Gundlach, 47, ousted University of Washington psychology professor; Burton W. James, 60, co-director of the Seattle Repertory Playhouse, and Albert M. Ottenheimer, 45, former manager of the Seattle Repertory Playhouse.

WIFE FINED—

James' wife, Mrs. Florence Bean James, also co-director of the playhouse, was sentenced to a fine of \$124. The judge suspended her 30-day jail sentence.

Mrs. James' first trial ended in a hung jury. The second jury deliberated only two hours.

After his conviction, Forschmiedt was dismissed from his job in the city health department. He got his job back when he was reinstated by the municipal civil service commission, over the objections of Dr. Emil E. Palmquist, city health director, and the Washington Republican Club.

In their trials each of the five was charged with wilful refusal to answer the question:

"Are you now or have you ever been a member of the Communist Party?"

The question was put each before the 1948 hearings of the state committee.

C. T. Hatten, a Seattle attorney who acted as a defense counsel in each of the trials, said four of the group prepared their joint statement before the decision against them was handed down Tuesday.

"The four people met and drew up this statement in anticipation of the decision," Hatten said. The statement then was read over the telephone to Gundlach, who has moved to New York City, and Gundlach concurred in it, Hatten said.

STATEMENT—

The joint statement reads in part:

"This is a statement of Florence Bean James, Burton W. James, Ralph Gundlach, Albert Ottenheimer and Rachmiel Forschmiedt. The decision of the court would have been unthinkable five years ago during the war against fascism. Now the court has joined in the bi-partisan program of gag and paralyze the American people, who want peace and no part of an atomic world war. The court rejects the right guaranteed every American by the constitution to speak and think according to the dictates of his conscience.

"We shall carry our legal fight to the highest court of the land. We call on the people of the state of Washington to join us in reversing this decision."

Prosecutor Charles O. Carroll Tuesday evening expressed satisfaction that the state supreme court had denied the appeals of five persons convicted of contempt of the legislature un-American activities committee.

"We are very gratified with the result," Carroll said. "It marks the end of months of hard work to secure these convictions."

Carroll said he is convinced that any appeal to the United States Supreme Court will fail.

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TO : SAC

DATE: 1-19-50

FROM : SA J. P. MAC FARLAND

SUBJECT: WASHINGTON STATE UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE
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In general conversation with [redacted]

[redacted] advised that Mr. TIBBETS, formerly an investigator for this committee, which is known as the Canwell Committee, is presently taking a course in Psychology from Dr. S. J. GELLERMAN.

According to [redacted] GELLERMAN's wife is the sister of Mr. FRED LOWDEN, a vice president of the BAC. GELLERMAN's wife, according to [redacted] appeared as a character witness for FLORENCE BEAN JAMES in the contempt of court trial, which resulted in the conviction of Mrs. JAMES.

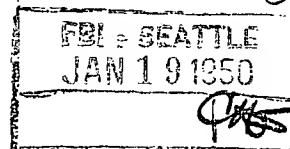
[redacted] advised that all the while TIBBETS was acting as an investigator for the Canwell Committee his wife, Mrs. TIBBETS, was employed by Dr. S. J. GELLERMAN. GELLERMAN had an office at that time in the Repertory Theater in Seattle.

[redacted] advised that TIBBETS made the micro film of the records of the Canwell Committee. At the present time, according to [redacted] TIBBETS is selling insurance for some concern in Seattle.

[redacted] advised that the appearance of Mrs. GELLERMAN as a character witness for Mrs. FLORENCE BEAN JAMES greatly embarrassed Mr. FRED LOWDEN, vice president of the BAC.

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JOHN DASHBACH, TERRY PETTUS are present.

JD: You know ^{the guy} that we talked to out at the Armory last year is a G-- D--[^] liar. I went out there last week with LENUS WESTMAN and I asked the guy in that room if the House Un-American Activities Committee was still in that room. He said yes that desk over in the corner. The guy in the corner said that Mr. DANA ROBINSON is out just now. (There followed a non-pertinent discussion about army personnel occupying space in the armory rent free.)

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Telephone Call.

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Unknown possible FORREST CRUMPLEY comes in.

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JD: HEWITT made a statement that he saw Mrs. JAMES in Russia in 1932. She produced Playhouse records that she taught at the university all during 1932. We want further investigation to determine who brought HEWITT to town and who protected him while he was here. We want to get somebody charged with something, we don't care what it is.

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~~TERRY~~ TERRY PETTUS leaves.

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JD and FC discuss cost of brief that is being prepared

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FC tells JD how long it takes to run copies on his machine. He can run 50,000 copies on 1 plate. It will take about two hours for his machine to do JOHN's work. They discuss getting bulletins printed at Builders Topic in Ballard.

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JD: I'm going out of town so I'll get it to them tomorrow and they can start on it Wednesday

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FORREST CRUMPLEY leaves, all is quiet.

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Jr. Demos ask review of witchhunt

OLYMPIA, Dec. 1—An investigation of the defunct Canwell committee's 1948 smear attack on Prof. Melvin Rader was urged by the state board of the Young Democrats, it was announced here by Marjorie Pearson, secretary.

The University of Washington professor was the target of perjured testimony given by George Hewitt, professional anti-Communist witness, and of evidence reportedly suppressed by the committee.

Charges have been leveled that Canwell investigators seized a register from Canyon Creek Lodge, near Granite Falls, which would have established Prof. Rader's whereabouts at the time Hewitt said he was at a "Communist school" in New York. This register has never been made public.

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Canwell seeks Senate seat

SPOKANE, Oct. 20 — A. F. Canwell, onetime chairman of the defunct state witchhunt committee, will be a candidate for the GOP nomination for U. S. senator in 1950.

Canwell yearns to run against Senator Warren G. Magnuson (Dem.). Canwell served one two-year term in the state legislature.

Seeking election to the state senate in 1948, he was badly beaten in a usually conservative eastern Washington district.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, SEATTLE

FROM : SAA JOHN R. BRECKENRIDGE

SUBJECT: PACIFIC NORTHWEST LABOR SCHOOL
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DATE: 8/11/49

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On July 25, 1949, the writer contacted Confidential Informant [] at which time the informant furnished the writer with a mimeographed letter prepared by the Labor School, which stated that the school is now being dissolved. Said letter is being set forth in its entirety and reads as follows:

"PACIFIC NORTHWEST LABOR SCHOOL
309 2nd Avenue No.
Seattle 9, Washington
GA 5404

"Dear Friend:

"The Pacific Northwest Labor School after a number of years of service to the trade unions in the field of labor education is now being dissolved.

"The Board of Directors have taken note of the _____ shares which you purchased in the Spring of 1948. The Board wishes to repay what may be possible.

"If there should be any money remaining after the sale of the property of the School, you will be repaid in some way.

"The School, which fought against the CANNELL Committee and all attacks upon the civil rights of the people proposes that all shareholders sign over to the Board of Directors of the School all possible shares to make it possible to pay all bills. It is proposed that if any money remains it be turned over to an appropriate body for the continuation of the fight against Canwellism, for the Seattle Six and the New York Twelve. A form appears on the bottom of the page which can be detached and returned showing what disposition you wish to make of the shares you have.

"Fraternally,

"MERWIN COLE, President
FRED BERRY, Trustee
M. J. "Pat" RYAN, Trustee

"/s/ JOHN S. DASCHBACH
John S. Daschbach, Director"

In using any of the above, extreme caution should be taken not to jeopardize the informant's identity.

The above mentioned mimeographed letter is being placed in File 80-327A.

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August 22, 1949

SA TIMOTHY W. CALLAWAY

HARRY BRIDGES, was.

IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION

On August 15, 1949, Mr. ERNEST PAUL STITH appeared at the office and identified himself to the writer as employed now by the Immigration and Naturalization Service. His home telephone number is Fillmore 4158.

STITH was formerly an investigator for the WASHINGTON STATE UNAMERICAN ACTIVITIES (CANWELL) COMMITTEE, and while an investigator for the CANWELL COMMITTEE did considerable research in reviewing newspaper morgues etc. and furnished from newspaper articles a running account regarding the WASHINGTON PENION UNION and certain University of Washington professors who were investigated by the CANWELL COMMITTEE.

Regarding other investigators of the CANWELL COMMITTEE, STITH stated that the former Chief Investigator, BILL HOUSTON, was still in Washington D. C. employed by the FEDERAL EMPLOYEES' UNION. STITH stated that JOHN WHIPPLE, Assistant Chief Investigator, had recently moved to 2956 NE 54th Street, Portland, Oregon, telephone Atwater 7171.

According to STITH, EVERETT POMEROY, a former investigator for the CANWELL COMMITTEE, re-enlisted in the U. S. Army obtaining the rank of Colonel, which he held during the past war. AARON COLEMAN, another investigator, is presently employed by the WASHINGTON STATE LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD.

STITH advised that he had been employed by the Immigration and Naturalization Service to conduct the same type of research work, reviewing newspapers and labor union papers etc. that he formerly did with the CANWELL COMMITTEE, except in this case his investigation pertains only to HARRY BRIDGES. He requested permission to obtain from our files on HARRY BRIDGES the name of the newspaper and date of articles which this office had clipped regarding BRIDGES.

This information was furnished to STITH on August 15 and 16, and typewritten copies of certain articles in the "People's World" were furnished to him because these particular issues of the "People's World" were not available at the Public Library.

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MR. COUNTRYMAN to MR(CLAYTON) VAN LYDEGRAF: I'm MR. COUNTRYMAN, and I'm on the law faculty of Yale University. I'm working this summer for Cornell University on a project which they're running to investigate the UnAmerican Activities Committees at the Federal level and in four states: New York, Illinois, Washington, and California. I'm investigating the Canwell Committee for them in this state, for that program in making reports. VAN: Let me get this straight: This is a committee of the Yale faculty? MR C: No, I'm the only Yale faculty member on the committee. Cornell University is having the project. I'm working for them this summer. VAN: Cornell Project? MR C: Yes. The only part of the project I'm working

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on is the Canwell Committee in the state of Washington. Other people are doing the rest of the job. I wondered if I could make an appointment with you to talk about the Canwell Committee. VAN: Well, I don't see any reason why I couldn't. What did you have in mind? MR C: I just wanted to get your reaction to the thing, and any information you might be able to give me about the committee: Any notion you might have about its origin-ation; your reaction to the way it proceeded. VAN: I see, well- MR. C: You see, I'm spending all summer on this, and I want to talk to everybody concerned with the damn thing, and get all the info. I can. VAN: I see, well, our office is at 614 1/2 First Ave., on the second floor. MR. C: What time? VAN: 10:30-11:00 AM most any day this week. MR C: Tomorrow. VAN: No, I'll be away. MR C: Wednesday? VAN: OK. MR C: OK, around 10:30 or 11:00 AM.

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TO : SAC

DATE 7-7-49

FROM : SA Joseph P. Mac Farland

File 100-18606

SUBJECT:

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

Earl J. Tibbetts
 EARL TIBBETT *100-18606-15*
 UN AMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE STATE OF
 WASHINGTON *100-18606*
 SECURITY MATTER

The purpose of this memorandum is to record that on this date

[redacted] advised the writer that he was informed by Mr. Aaron Coleman, former Investigator for the above named Committee that the wife of Mr. Tibbetts has worked for sometime in the office of the Gellermann School of Psychology, 4226 Brooklyn Ave., Seattle, Washington; that the Gellermann's are good friends of the Burton James's and that Mrs. Gellermann appeared as a character witness for Mrs. James at her recent trial for Contempt of the Legislative Committee. [redacted] advised that Mr. Tibbett's is now supposed to be selling insurance and recently expressed himself as not wanting anything to do with Communist investigations. It was said by [redacted] that Tibbetts is now or has recently taken a course of instruction with the said Gellermann School.

Caughlan, that his attorney John Caughlan who represented Mrs. James at her trial knew about the existence to two rolls of microphone films of the records of the Canwell Committee and endeavored to have them introduced at the trial. According to [redacted] the above named Tibbetts made the said two rolls of films for the Canwell Committee with the assistance of Mr. Pomeroy who was formerly an investigator with the said Committee.

[redacted] advised that the Gellermann School has some connection with the Dale Carnegie School of Salesmanship or Personality Development.

[redacted] did not infer that Tibbetts had violated any trust previously reposed in him by the said Committee but expressed himself as being suspicious of the contact between Tibbetts, the Gellermann's and the James's.

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TO : SAC

DATE: 7/7/49

FROM : SA W. C. TOWER

SUBJECT: WASHINGTON STATE UNAMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE
(CANWELL COMMITTEE)
100-18606

Sgt. Robert Barto, attached to Lt. Neuwers office at the Seattle PD made available the names and addresses of personnel who participated in the Canwell Committee investigation.

WILLIAM J. HOUSTON, Chief Investigator.

JOHN W. WHIPPLE, Ass't Chief Investigator, 3440 38th Ave. W. GA 5126

EARL J. TIBBETTS, 3002 36th Ave W. Ga. 6638

AARON R. COLEMAN, 5902 32nd Ave. N. W. , SU 1752

ERNEST P. STITH , 1309 Dexter, # 101, AL 3410, (Presently with Seattle PD)

DANA T. ROBINSON, 4321 2nd Ave. W., AL 0861

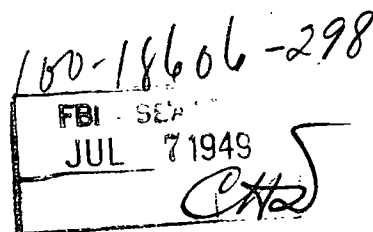
EVERT POMEROY

HERBERT KINSEY, JR. Photographer.

VIOLA Z. FRITSCHKE, 923 N. 83rd, DE 4029, Secretary.

LOUISE HINE, 902 15th Ave. PR 7095, Stenographer.

DONELYN M JAEGER, 10226 23rd N. E. FI 0148. Stenographer.



MEMORANDUM

Seattle, Washington
June 20, 1949

TO: SAC, Seattle

FROM: SA JOHN R. BRECKENRIDGE

SUBJECT: RACHMIEL FORSCHMIEDT
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FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

On June 3, 1949 the writer contacted Confidential Informant [] and informant furnished the writer with a pamphlet entitled "Someone's Got to Take a Stand." [] obtained this pamphlet from ROCKY FORSCHMIEDT on May 21, 1949. This pamphlet contained information concerning the trials of the various individuals indicted in the recent Canwell trials in Seattle. Donations would be accepted from individuals who were desirous of helping out the Seattle Six and according to the pamphlet, donations should be mailed to FLORENCE BEAN JAMES, 4917 University Way. A partial list of the sponsors is as follows:

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Should any of the above be used extreme care should be taken not to jeopardize the informant's identity. This pamphlet is being placed in 80-3274.

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June 8, 1949.

GEORGE H. ARDILL

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

RAILROAD CLUB, TRANSPORT SECTION
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

On June 2, 1949, [] furnished the writer with a two-page handwritten report of activities for May 18 and May 25, 1949.

WARNING: ONLY CASE SHOULD BE USED IN REPORTING THE MATERIAL IN INSTANT REPORT BECAUSE OF THE SMALL NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS PRESENT.

The report for May 18 is set out herewith:

"Had a talk at lunch hour with George Collins, Railroad Club leader.

"Collins stated that at a section meeting he had been elected as one of a select few to meet with some Party big-wigs who were connected with the Railroad industry. He said that a veil of secrecy surrounded the whole deal and that he was told neither who they are nor when the meeting is to take place.

"Also, it seems that new instructions from Party Headquarters to the members now: 'That in the event we are questioned by any Federal Agents we are to remain silent and immediately get in touch with Headquarters, or one of the Party lawyers.' This is along a different tack, as before we were told that we should use our own judgment in admitting or not admitting our political beliefs.

"Made a date for Friday, May 27th to call on some of the men on a list which had been given to me by George Al Warren, to procure subscriptions to the Daily Peoples World. These men, according to Warren were anti-Dave Beck, and from conversation judged that the men were gathered from an anti-Beck petition which Warren's Rank & File committee had gotten out. A report is to be submitted to Warren on these men's reaction.

"Collins had nothing more of importance to relate at this time."

Informant advised by report that he contacted BRUCE LEE at his home on May 25, 1949, at which time LEE proclaimed the acquittal of FORREST CHRISTIAN to be the greatest political victory in years. It will be noted that CHRISTIAN was recently acquitted on charges of disturbing the peace during hearings of the Senwell or Washington State Un-American Activities Committee at the Field Artillery army.

Instant report has been placed in 66-1183A.

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10:34AM og JOHNNY DASCHBACH to unkman at Marine Cooks for CHARLIE (NICHOLS), not in. EDDIE (TANGEN), not in. JOHNNY: Did you act on the letter I sent last week? Unkman: No, it came too late. JOHNNY: Be sure and bring it up this week. *JE*

10:46 og JOHN (DASCHBACH) To WILL PARRY at the Peoples World for TERRY (PETTUS), not there. WP suggest JD call him at home. JD: Thenumber's GA 5710, right? WP: Right. On the SHELDON letter do you want to see TERRY (PETTUS) on that. JD: No. I just sent it along. *JP*

10:50 og JOHN (DASCHBACH) to TERRY (PETTUS) at home: Where did the authority come from for KIMBELL to get in the armory. TP: I talked to KIMBELL. He was very snotty. Said nothing has been set up formally. He doesn't give a d-- about SMITH TROY's decisions. It's up to the Supreme Court. I asked WIPPLE about the rent. He said that's our concern. It isn't the end of the month yet. I spoke to him on Friday. I spoke to TOM RABBITT and he said that they aren't available to other State offices but they have to be paid for. JD: I guess the books are at Olympia. I'll have some one look at them. TP: WIPPLE told me he wasn't out to speak. KIMBELL is temporary chairman. JD: I'm writing to the prosecutor to find out the action on the invasion. Did you see the SHELDON thing, from Newport on the Metaline strike. TP: Yes, very good. JD: Ok. I'll see you. *Conwell*
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11:07 og (JOHN DASCHBACH) to UNKF at the Reperatory Playhouse for "POp" (BURTON JAMES), not there. Mrs. JAMES is teaching a class. JD: How was Saturday nite. UNKF: Fine the box office picked. Will I have Mrs. JAMES call you. JD: Yeah. *JP*

11:41 og (JOHN DASCHBACH) to (FAIR TAYLOR) at the Progressive Party. FT: The guy's name is HUTCHENSON on the Trenton six. They will get here late Saturday nith. JD: Are you going to have a reception Sunday after the meeting. FT: I don't think so. JD: I'd like to talk to HUTCHENSON to get a statement for the PW. FT: You ought to get out a leaflet on the meeting. JD asks for JERRY (O CONNELL). *JP*
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JOHNNIE (DASCHBACH) to (JERRY O'CONNELL) at Prog. Party; JD: Did you see what the governor had to say in this morning's P-I on page six. JO: No, I haven't read it as yet. JD: He said, "I would rather encourage instead of handicap a committee seeking out un-American activities." I'm sending him a note that his personal opinion is irrelevant. It's what the law says, it's illegal. I want to raise a number of points. First, who would be the best people in the democratic party to talk with ED MUNRO about getting some joint action on this armory business? JO: BILL DOBBINS is in good with him. How are you relations with the people in Publications Press? JD: Fine, we get credit with them. JO: ALICE FEZINTON(ph.-?) and GLEN FISH are close to ED MUNRO. KARLEY(LARSEN) is in with him. The main guys to keep away from are myself, TOM(RABBIT), and BILL(PERNOCK?). JD: Okay, I'll do that right now. Second, I hear Mr. (HENRY) WALLACE plays tennis, and I'm a tennin player. I was wondering if he was going to play Sunday morning. I'd like to swing a few with him. JO: We could talk to him about it Saturday night. JD: So you'll check with him. JO: He doesn't come in till Midnight(Saturday). He'll be staying at the Olympic Hotel. He'd probably like to play early in the morning. JD: RUSS(ELL FLUENT) is acting as our attorney on the question of foreclosure(Seattle Northwest Labor School). JO: What's the deal on that? JD: You know this guy JERRY HYMAN. JO: I know MILTON(HYMAN). JD: That's his brother. He's pressing for some action. He told us we had a year to redeem. We've got a couple of deals to sell it, but it'll take a little time. This inter-denial(?-ph) will give us a couple of months. What about this Marshal deal. When can we get together on it. Tuesday was decided upon as the date. JO: We were going to have the the Neighborhood House for the breakfast, but it was cancelled. JD: We had some people up there on the Trenton case, and they seemed excited about it at first. Later, they discussed it with some of their friends, and were told to get off of it. JO: I wonder who they consult. JD: (ED) HENRY is one of them. I'll tell you more about it when I see you.

11:11 ic No ans.
 11:12 ic No ans.b
 11:55 og AV 9629 - no ans. (not listed).

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4:17PM og SE 6131, LEO (WOLF) from JOHNNIE (DASCHBACH): Anyone back from the trial yet? LW: It is a little early yet. JD: Has the defendant been coming back with the attorney? LW: He didn't last night. JD: Have them call me when they come in. Anything else new? LW: The LONGSHORE case is to be held in JUDGE BLACK'S courtroom on MONDAY. JD: You know who he is? He was the prosecutor in the EVERETT MASSACRE. LW: I didn't know that. *BWL*

4:22 og PEOPLES WORLD, TERRY (PETTUS) from JOHNNIE (DASCHBACH) and JD wants to know what has been done on the CANWELL COMMITTEE. TP went up but the office was locked. JD had a friend call under the guise of a local newspaper man and they said they were operating partly as the CANWELL COMMITTEE and that they would have a statement ready in a short while. TP wonders where they get the authority to rent space there and who is paying the rent. JD says they are going to try to get the attorney general to issue a writ of quo warranto against the bas..s. JD has a statement on the (TRENTON) SIX that should go out on the wire service and will get it down there. *BWL*

4:24 og Busy to PROGRESSIVE PARTY- SE 6506.

4:25 og FBS, MARION (KINNEY) from JOHN (DASCHBACH): I have a supply of those (pamphlets on the TRENTON SIX?) at 3¢ a piece. MK: I can't use too many. JD: You can use 100. MK: OK. JD: I also have a supply of cards at 2¢ apiece that I'll bring some samples down to show you, maybe tomorrow. MK: OK. We have the NEW MASSES in and there is a very good article in it. Good. *BWL*

4:26 og SE 6506, MAISIE ((O'CONNELL) from JOHN (DASCHBACH) for her old man, but he is out somewhere and she will have him call JOHN when he returns. *BWL*

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4:38 ic Neans. *BWL*

4:45 ic Neans.

5:22 og VE 9608, JIM OLIVER for REV THOMAS BROOKS, but MRS BROOKS talks ~~her~~ and he says that he would like to get an appointment with the REV. MRS BROOKS suggests that he come by about 6:30 and the address is 114 5th Ave South. *BWL*

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10:05A ic From JIM (OLIVER) to JOHNNIE (DASCHBACH): I'm coming down, have we anything to do especially? JD: Yeah. How about the Neighborhood House. Been up there lately? JIM: No. I think we're going out there today. We have two preachers to call on too. JOHN: Why don't you do that. I think KATE (ROBINSON) took 15 pamphlets. How many do you want? JIM: He said he wanted 50. JOHN: What's his name again? JIM: MEL THOMAS. I'm sort of skeptical about it. I think he's a phoney. JOHN: Take some out and get cash on the line. JIM: I'm not worried about that end of it. It's just that he's kind of inquisitive. JD: Well, we'll tell him anything he wants to know. JIM: Yeah. I'll call you then.

10:15 og (JOHN DASCHBACH) to Progressive Party for FAIR (TAYLOR) - not in.

10:23 ic UNKF to JOHNNY (DASCHBACH): Do you have the book of tickets? JD: I still have it home. UNKF: The party is tomorrow nite. JD: I'll try to get it in the mail tonight. Say that fellow wants to get a hold of you. UNKF: I'll be gone till nine but he can call me after that. JD: You call people you know and tell them by word of mouth about it. UNKF: It's Sunday nite. JD: At 8:30, I'm sure. UNKF: Yes. I told the bunch last nite. JD: And what it's for. Ok. Bye.

10:40 og JOHN (DASCHBACH) to RUSS (FLUENT), discuss Kimball Committee. RUSS advises JERRY (O'CONNELL) talked to WHIPPLE using name of DOUGHERTY and questioned him re committee. J and R. wonder about possibilities of getting ahold of records of Canwell Committee.

10:47 og JOHNNIE (DASCHBACH) to JERRY (O'CONNELL). JERRY says he called WHIPPLE and told him he was JOHN DOUGHERTY from the "Seattle Dispatch" and asked him re committee. JERRY says he got at least two more people for the party on May 8: Mrs. LUNDEN (pronounced LUNDEEN) and who is president of the National Teachers Union of Norway; and SONJA BRANTING, who is a lawyer in Sweden and daughter of the first [redacted] Sweden, NOMEI PEECE (ph). JD: I remember that. JD: Oh, no, no, as I remember, I'd have to check to be sure.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: SAC, SEATTLE

FROM: SA JOHN L. KETCHAM

RE: COMMUNIST PARTY ACTIVITIES
SNOWHOLE COUNTRY
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

4/29/49

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

Confidential Informant [] was contacted 4/20/49 by the writer and SA JOSEPH G. WALTERS at which time the informant advised that he had attended a Civil Rights Congress meeting held 4/14/49 at the Community Hall, 2820 Hewitt Avenue, Everett. Informant advised that the following people were in attendance:

AUBREY GROSSMAN (main speaker)	ELGER HOUGHTON (Chairman)
JOHNNIE DASCH (BACH) (speaker)	AL FISCHER, speaker
CORINNE FISHER	MARGARET NYGREN
ED HORAN	Mrs. ED HORAN
LOUISE De CHAMP (phonetic)	STAN HENRICKSON
ELLIE HENRICKSON	VERLE HELEKE
BILL HOUSER (phonetic)	CLARA TAYLOR
CHART PITTS	PAT PEASE

Also - about 15 old age pensioners.

Informant advised that JOHN DASCH (BACH) talked at some length concerning the Canwall Committee and the trial of the six individuals being held for contempt. He stated that the trial was a fair one but its results would be similar to a case wherein the jury would free a man and the judge would send him to the chair.

AUBREY GROSSMAN discussed at some length the Metaline Falls mining trial and its problems as similar to a Civil Rights Program. GROSSMAN stated that the workers must build a much larger organization and must put out handbills and leaflets and pass them out to more people. He stated that the only way to build a Civil Rights Program is to interest more people in this program. GROSSMAN discussed the HARRY BRIDGES and TOM MOONEY Cases and stated that it was his opinion that the case involving the Metaline miners was by far a worse disgrace to the United States of America.

GROSSMAN stated that if the nine individuals being tried concerning the Metaline Falls case should be hung, it would put the fear of God into all Unions.

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AL FISHER discussed the case involving the Litaline miners and then took up a collection which resulted in \$28.00 being donated. FISHER stated that there would be some literature on the table for anyone to take who wished and to distribute it as they saw fit.

CHART PITTS discussed briefly the legality of playing pamphlets in Post-Intelligencer newspaper boxes and in mail boxes. PITTS also stated that it was legal to place any literature in PI newspaper boxes but that it was illegal to place it in the mail boxes or to nail it on telephone or light poles.

[] advised that PAT PEASE had been active in the Progressive Party for sometime but that he didn't know whether or not PEASE was in the CP.

[] advised [] had observed BILL HOUSER signing a petition which had been passed around, as a Mr. KARZEN. The informant had no idea as to why HOUSER had signed in this manner but stated that he knew that HOUSER was a member of the CP and that he had seen him at meetings.

The informant stated that as far as he knew, CHART PITTS was not a member of the CP.

Informant advised [] had been sitting in the immediate vicinity of ED MORAN and MARGARET NYGREN at which time they were carrying on a conversation concerning the progress that the CP was making and about the alleged increase in membership that the various CP clubs in Everett had made in the recent months. The informant stated that it was his opinion that ED MORAN was a member of the CP at the present time, based upon the conversation []

Notes re this meeting are being placed in file 80-98.

JLK/wl

Enc - Gordon F. Rasmussen

Bill Brown at Larchmont

8:02am ic NO ANSWER.

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10:08 ic (TERRY PETTUS) to WILL (PARRY), advises he wrote the story out there (at his home?) and phoned it down. He talked to _____ ADAMS and he told him they'd get a good front line story on it. TERRY says he talked to WALT (BELKA) last night. Will be down in a few mins.

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10:23 og (WILL PARRY) to JOHN (CAUGHLAN), asks him if he should perchance get notice of an acquittal, one chance in a million (on the RACHMIEL FORSCHMEIDT case) before 11:30 this morning, would he give him a call immediately. JC advises that Judge JONES asked him to be over at 11:00, so WILL says he will come over for that.

10:25 og WILL (PARRY) to EDITH _____ at State CIO for AL (FISHER)- not in yet. WP wants to know if there's any late news on Metaline - she doesn't think so.

10:38 ic (JOHN DASCHBACH) to WILL (PARRY), advises they're having a picket line at 11:45 at 215 Columbia Street, where (ALBERT F.) CANWELL is speaking to a luncheon of the Jr. Chamber of Commerce. (SA L. A. DUCOMMUN advised). Further advises that Drs. (H. J.) PHILLIPS, (JOE) BUTTERWORTH, and (RALPH) GUNDLACH led off on the Educational Panel of the World Peace Conference. According to the report we got it was very wonderful and concrete. WILL: When will one of them be back? JOHN D: Four weeks anyway. I just talked with HELGA (PHILLIPS) on the phone. She says the newspapers blew up that picket line story to tremendous proportions, that it wasn't as written at all, it was a fizzle, that there were more people watching the pickets than there were picketing. JD says it was worth their trip back there just to be No. 1 on that Educational Panel.

10:41 ic (JOHN DASCHBACH) again, this time to RALPH (HALL) re picket line at 11:45, says he forget to ask him to spread the word. RALPH says he'll try to drum up some help.

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2:37Pm og

SE 6131, LEO (WOLF) from WILL (PARRY): Any news on the trial?
 LW: The verdict was guilty. WP: Oh. Did ROCKY (FORSCHMEIDT) make a statement? LW: He is here. ROCKY! WP: Did you make a prepared statement? RS: I just made it up as I went along. This is the one that I gave to the PI: If we could have given all of the facts about the CANWELL COMMITTEE that the people of the state of WASHINGTON had, the jury would have done as the people did at the last election. The jury would have found the CANWELL COMMITTEE guilty of violating and frustrating and trampling upon the basic American rights of freedom of speech and freedom of expression. WP: Um huh. RS: I got another one that I gave to the TIMES re the lawyers? ~~That~~ My lawyers did an excellent job of fighting the case before the jury, six of whose members had sat in on the previous CANWELL cases. These six were, ~~was~~ a result of their previous experience, ~~were~~ undoubtedly infected with the idea that all the CANWELL defendants were guilty and therefore it was almost impossible for them to approach these cases with an open mind. That is all. WP: OK, ROCKY. Thanks very much. RS: See you WILL. *BW*
 (Recorded on E-1329 cut 2.)

3:13 og EL 4500, (WILL PARRY) for his dad (TOM PARRY) but he is gone to SALEM and will be back tomorrow. *BW*

3:19 ic TERRY (PETTUS) to RALPH (HALL) re the trial. RH informs him that the verdict was guilty and TP launches into a tirade to colorful to appear here. He says he will be up soon. *BW*

3:49 ic (JOHN DASCHBACH) to RALPH (HALL): Tell WILL (PARRY) that the time ~~for tomorrow night~~ for tomorrow's meeting over there is 1:00. He goes on No. 1. He knows what it's about. I'll bring over some material for him. *me*

4:25 ic MR. WILLIAMSON to RALPH (HALL): Is MR. PETTUS there? RH: No, he's not in right now. Mr.W: Ask him to call me at EL 8885. Ok. *just*

3-5 11:08A og (TERRY PETTUS) to Chamber of Commerce re ferry service schedule.

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page-2 11:48 og TERRY PETTUS, Peoples World, to Unk'em at Ballard News for Mr. KIMBALL: TP: I understand you're chairman of the Un-American Activities Committee. Mr. K: Just temporarily, the chairman is elected by the committee members. TP: I want to ask you about the status of the committee. You have employees working for you, and you rent your quarters from the Armory. Mr. K: We're not organized as yet. TP: You are functioning; you have a phone down there. I called and someone answered. Mr. K: We not open for publication. TP: Are they expending state funds for the office to pay the employees and the rent for the quarters? There have been no efforts made to draw warrants on the state as far as you know. Mr. K: It's not the end of the month as yet. No efforts have been made to draw warrants. TP: We can assume that there will be to pay the rent and the salary of the employees. Mr. K: I wouldn't make any mistakes by assuming too much. TP: Afterall, Senator, it is a public body and of course I wouldn't want to pry into something the public wouldn't have a right to know. Mr. K: Obviously, obviously. TP: The Attorney-general has made a ruling, and as chairman of the committee I'm wondering what you're going to do about it. Afterall, you do have people. Mr. K: I'm not interested in getting any ruling the Attorney-general might or might not make. Any decision which is made will be made by the Supreme Court of the State of Wn. The Attorney-general is just ~~seen~~ an individual with some political opinions, that's all. TP: I see; I see. Thanks very much, senator. Recorded #1356-4.

2:41 og To GA 5710(BERTA PETTUS); Busy.

2:44 og Ditto.

2:46 og TERRY (PETTUS) to BERTA(PETTUS), at res. He'll bring home the dinner.

2:51 og (TERRY PETTUS) to Seattle Public Library, Reference: Do you have copies of ~~the~~ a Seattle Daily for ~~XXXX~~ 1886? Unk: We have the Puget Sound Weekly, and The Courier. TERRY: I wanted May, 1886. Unk: I'll call you back on that. (TERRY gives his number).

3:10 ic Unk to TERRY PETTUS: We don't have the Department of Justice. You might try the PI or the University of Washington.

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AL 2857, UNAMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE, UNKF from (JOHNNIE DASCHBACH): When are you going to do some more investigating at the UNIVERSITY? UNKF: Who is calling? JD: I'm a friend. UNKF: Friends usually give their names. Just a moment. UNKM: Can I help you? JD: Yes. Is this committee set up under (SENATOR) KIMBALL'S resolution? UNKM: SENATOR KIMBALL is the head of the committee. JD: How long have you been in operation? UNKM: Since the first of APRIL. JD: Thank you.

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10:14 og

PEOPLES WORLD, TERRY (PETTUS) from JOHNNIE (DASCHBACH): I was looking through the phone book and I find the UNAMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE listed as AL 2857, so I called and they said they had been there since APRIL 1, and under KIMBALL'S resolution. TP: Is it at the same address? JD: Yes. TP: I think I'll go over there and see them.

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10:16am og

PROGRESSIVE PARTY, JOHNNIE (DASCHBACH) to PAIR (TAYLOR) to JERRY (O'CONNELL): I see the UNAMERICAN COMMITTEE is in operation again. I called them and they said they had been set up since the first of APRIL under KIMBALL'S resolution. So, I called TERRY (PETTUS) and told him to go over and check on it. JO: I've been getting calls lately, you know what kind, such as meet so & so in the STRATFORD (HOTEL) at Room 400 or H (HUFF) wants to meet you or VAN (LYDEGRAF) wants to get ahold of you. That kind'a business. JD: Uh huh.

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og TERRY(PETTUS) to UNKFEM: Is JOHNNY DASHBACH there? UNKFEM -No.
Just talked to CLIFF YELLE, the State Auditor and he has
advised that the committee, Canwell Committee (Un-American
Activities Committee) will be refused payment by the State
Auditor.

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og TERRY PETTUS to National Guard office for the custodian, has
the Senate UnAmerican Committee paid their rent yet? Have they
submitted a state voucher or what? Custodian: I don't know.
All payments go to the Adjutant General's Office at Fort
Murray. TERRY: Do you know how much they pay a foot? CUST: No.
TERRY: How much did the CANWELL committee pay. Cust: \$1.75
a foot; I don't know the total footage. TERRY: What is your
name? Cust: Colonel George H. NELSON.

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2:47PM og TERRY PETTUS to Adjutant General's Office at Fort Murray to Colonel SMITH. COL. NELSON at State Armory referred me to you people and I'd like to inquire whether or not they are paying rent and how? SMITH: We sent them a bill for their April rental and haven't rec'd a check yet. The rent is \$75. TERRY: I talked to MR. YELLE and he stated they have made no claims for vouchers. What are your initials. SMITH: E.D.

5:06 og (WILL PARRY) to (LOUISE) at home re the baby, anything for dinner, etc. I have some more work to do and then I'll be home.

4:06½ ic Unkman for MR. PETTUS. (WILL PARRY): He should be back in a few minutes. Unkman: I'll call back.

4:11 og Time signal.

4:30 og TERRY PETTUS to Mr. LITCHER (ph), 9805 51 NE : We want one of the pictures in the PW. What's the price? L: \$2.00 (KE 7797)

4:55 ic see [redacted]

5:17 og (TERRY PETTUS) to BERTIE (PETTUS): I'll be home soon. Berta: Ok, you forgot something this morning. Terry: Yes, I sure did. I told DOD about it and she was tickled about it. I thought you could call TRUDY (KIRKWOOD) about it and tell her. Ok.

9:11 ic No ans.

7:36 og

WILL PARRY to JOHN (CAUGHLAN) at home, I understand the jury returned the verdict quickly. JOHN: In 27 minutes; tomorrow or Monday we'll file a measure for a new trial. WILL: Do you have a statement on it? JOHN: I could say that the jury is right - I'm deeply in contempt of the CANNELL committee and all of its activities. Or I could say "This shows the class

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struggle should not be fought in the courts" But I will say this for printing: "The real issue in my case has already been decided by the people against the CANNELL committee. My refusal last summer to cooperate with this committee contributed to its defeat at the polls. While I am disappointed that this issue could not be presented in court I have every confidence that the American people will continue to resist any encroachment on their basic rights of political expression". WILL: OK.

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